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2 soldiers killed, 5 wounded by Hizbullah roadside bombs

DAVID RUDGE

TWO IDF soldiers were killed and five others wounded in a Hizbullah roadside bomb attack late Thursday night in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

Those killed were the head of the paratroop unit, Maj. Uri Azulai, 25, of Kiryat Shmona, and Staff-Sgt. Tom Karin, 20, of Hod Hasharon. Karin will be buried today at the Kibbutz Ein Gev cemetery. Azulai's funeral will take place today in the military section of the Kiryat Shmona cemetery.

The two were leading their

infantry squad on an ambush mission when a series of at least four roadside bombs were detonated alongside them.

Azulai and Karin were killed outright and the five others were wounded - three seriously. The wounded were all treated at the scene and the three badly hurt were brought by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Deputy hospital director Zvi Ben-Yishai said the condition of all three had improved yesterday. One soldier, Yoav Be'er, 20, was in critical but stable condition after losing one leg below the knee. The

other two were in satisfactory condition, one with eye wounds and the other with abdominal wounds.

One of the soldiers, who was very lightly hurt in the attack, was able to return to his unit and continue duties after receiving first aid treatment in the field. The other lightly wounded soldier was taken to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital, where his condition was reported as satisfactory.

The attack occurred near midnight, about 1 km. from the IDF's Ishiyeh position in the northeastern sector of the zone.

The army believes Hizbullah ter-

rorists planted the bombs a few days earlier, anticipating the movement of IDF troops in the area.

It is not known whether Hizbullah activists actually waited in the vicinity to detonate the devices or whether they were operated by some form of trip wire.

The fact that those leading the unit were fatally wounded, as well as the delay by Hizbullah in claiming responsibility only after the details were known, would indicate the latter.

According to OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, the soldiers had all acted

properly and in accordance with regulations.

He noted, however, that in such

an attack there is very little that can be done to prevent casualties and fatalities.

The deaths in the roadside bomb attack brought to 23 the number of

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Blast cuts short promising IDF career

DAVID RUDGE

THE helicopter landing pad to which casualties are brought from the battlefield in south Lebanon before being transferred to the IDF's front-line emergency ward near Kiryat Shmona is not far from the home of the Azulai family.

The family was unaware, however, that the rescue chopper that landed at the site in the early hours of Friday morning was carrying the body of their son, Maj. Uri Azulai, 25, the victim of a roadside bomb

attack in the security zone.

The bitter news of his death in the blast, which also claimed the life of Staff-Sgt. Tom Karin, 20, of Hod Hasharon, was broken to them a few hours later.

The announcement of Azulai's death cast a pall of mourning over Kiryat Shmona, where the family is well known.

Friends and relatives said that as a child, Uri, one of

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Off a settler whose group entered Jericho illegally on Friday and created a commotion by

Netanyahu, Arafat may meet in bid to conclude talks

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

SECURITY talks on Hebron redeployment were held last night in a bid to determine whether Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat could meet today to wrap up the talks. Otherwise the talks may drag on another week due to Arafat's travel schedule, sources close to the negotiations say.

Arafat is scheduled to be in Europe for about one week, beginning tomorrow. In his absence, the talks are expected to be recessed.

IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mo'az, top Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas, and top Palestinian security officials Col. Mahmoud Dahlan and Col. Jibril Rajoub participated in last night's talks. American diplomats Dennis Ross, Martin Indyk, and Ed Abington are also deeply involved in the talks, but it is unclear how long they were present last night.

Rajoub, head of the PA Preventive Security Service in Jericho, said yesterday differences remain on four issues concerning security arrangements, but if Israel "comes back with practical responses, then it could be wrapped up tonight (Saturday night)." Rajoub said Arafat and Netanyahu could meet as early as today to finalize a deal.

Ross and top aides met with Netanyahu yesterday evening and with Arafat on Friday night in a bid to advance the talks.

"We hope to see a final agreement as soon as possible," Ross said in Gaza. "I think we really exhaustively went into the issues [and] we're really trying to work together to overcome differences."

Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, Dore Gold, praised Ross's role in the talks, saying, "Ross has been vital for coaching these negotiations and helping make sure that the right format is pursued in order to achieve a breakthrough."

Ross told Jordan's King Hussein yesterday that Israel and the Palestinians have narrowed their differences over redeployment in Hebron, according to Petra, Jordan's official news agency.

It said Ross conveyed the remarks in a telephone conversation with Hussein to brief him on progress in the talks.

"Mr. Ross confirmed to His Majesty King Hussein that the gap between the two sides had narrowed," Petra said.

Ross also told Hussein of a meeting to be held later yesterday between the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams at the Tel Aviv home of the US ambassador.

"The meeting will try to overcome obstacles and try to reach an accord over redeployment in Hebron to allow negotiators to move ahead to implement other accords related to the interim accord," Ross was quoted as telling the king.

Meanwhile, at the cabinet meeting on Friday, General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon reportedly said that the PA security forces are less cooperative with the Israeli security apparatus than the past, but no details were divulged.

Netanyahu, responding to Ayalon's assessment, said it is time for the Palestinians to make a choice.

"We refuse to change it in any way. We refuse to change even a comma," a cabinet statement reads. The cabinet said Israel was to blame for the lack of progress because it tried to renegotiate the agreements.

"The Palestinian leadership condemns the Israeli policy of blaming the Palestinians for lack of progress," the statement reads.

Terje Larsen named to Norwegian cabinet

OSLO (AP) - Former leftist radical Thorbjorn Jagland took over as Norway's youngest and first female prime minister. Both are members of the Labor Party.

A newly created post, Terje Larsen in charge of national planning and reform, and could expand to include international

mediation efforts as well.

Larsen, 48, was launched into the global spotlight with the September 1993 announcement that the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel had reached a peace accord in the secret "Oslo Channel" talks he helped arrange in Norway.

Barak: Rabin to block Shkaki's murder anniversary

JON IMMANUEL

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Barak said today that he would block the assassination anniversary of Fathi Shkaki, who was gunned down in Malta last year. Barak said he would block the anniversary because it would not stand up in the High Court. However, Rabinowitz retorted that this did not matter, because no one had the standing to take him to court. (In those days, the court did not hear petitions unless the petitioner had a direct personal interest in the case, and no one except the Rabins had a personal interest in this case.)

Barak said he told Rabinowitz that he, as attorney-general, did have standing to petition the High Court in the matter, and would do so if Rabinowitz went ahead with his plan to levy an administrative fine. A few days later, Rabinowitz told him the government had decided to drop the case, and Rabin did eventually stand.

However, Barak said, he decided on and there that if he were ever in position to broaden the standing requirements, he would do so, so that no government would ever believe itself free to commit an illegal action just because no one had the standing to take it to court.

WITH rallies and marches, Islamic Jihad supporters yesterday commemorated the anniversary of the assassination of their leader, Fathi Shkaki, who was gunned down in Malta last year.

Marches took place in Bir Zeit, near Ramallah, and in Sheikh Radwan in Gaza, while an assembly was held in Gaza City, where the Palestinian Authority banned a march.

There were calls for continuing the war against Israel but no explicit calls for revenge at the Gaza assembly in the Shawa cultural center, where Hamas and Jihad leaders met.

Hani Hassan, who represented the PA at the assembly, said, "We must begin continuous meetings between PLO factions and Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and not permit conspiracies to develop." He described Shkaki as a "giant of the Palestinian people."

Hamas spokesman Dr. Mahmoud Zahar said "God revenged the death of Fathi Shkaki by sending someone to kill [Yitzhak] Rabin." The prime minister was assassinated less than two weeks after two men on a motorcycle shot down Shkaki out-

side his Malta hotel, where he was staying en route from Libya to Damascus. While the Mossad is widely believed to be responsible, the government has never admitted responsibility, and the Arabic media have suggested that Libya had reasons to kill him or that the PA tipped off the Mossad.

In Damascus, Shkaki's successor, Ramadan Shallah, addressed a rally and said, "Jihad is our strategic decision."

Zahar noted: "We have put fear into the hearts of the Jews, while our hearts beat strong with faith." He counseled patience. "The Koran talks about patience and prayer, because God is the one who decides."

He later added: "Guns will be directed towards Jerusalem until the promise of God is achieved in an independent Palestinian state."

Nafez Azzam, a Jihad spokesman, said "Jerusalem is us, Hebron is us, and all the land of Palestine is us," though he did not mention places within the Green Line, like Haifa or Jaffa.

Hundreds marched in Bir Zeit with green and black flags and student speakers called for revenge.

Report: German envoy got data on Arad

BEIRUT (AP) - Germany's top intelligence official yesterday received information about the fate of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad, but a quick prisoner swap between Israel and Iranian-backed guerrillas is unlikely, security sources said.

Bernard Schmidbauer brought with him messages from pro-Iranian Lebanese Moslem militant leaders who are held by Israel. According to the sources, he also received information about the fate of Arad, but was unable to obtain a deal to secure his release in return for Lebanese detained by Israel. He flew to Israel last night

to report on his meetings.

Schmidbauer held lengthy talks with Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, Hizbullah secretary-general. It was the second such meeting in 24 hours at Nasrallah's office in Beirut's Shi'ite suburb.

Hizbullah officials declined to give details, but one Lebanese security source said the German's attempt was apparently unsuccessful.

Nasrallah, in a recent press conference, had pledged his group would try to seek information on Arad's whereabouts in a bid to trade him for Hizbullah guerrillas and other detainees held by Israel.

After Friday's meeting between Nasrallah and Schmidbauer, Hizbullah said discussions centered on "the latest prisoner swap [in July] and continuing efforts to find a final solution to the issue of prisoners and detainees in Khiam

prison and Israeli jails."

Lebanese Interior Minister Michel Murr said Friday the German official brought with him messages from Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani - the two Moslem leaders seized by Israeli commandos in Lebanon in 1989 and 1994 respectively -

addressed to their families.

Murr, who had met with Schmidbauer on Friday, described the messages as a "symbolic step" in the German's mission.

Schmidbauer, who arrived Thursday night in Beirut on an unannounced visit, left for Israel last night, security sources said.

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The Rally is being organised by JNF of Great Britain to raise funds for the establishment of the Southern Besor - Israel's largest water reservoir.

The Rally in Israel is sponsored by TOYOTA, JNF, and JNF.

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Settlers hold surprise prayers in Jericho restaurant

A GROUP of 11 settlers disguised as French tourists who sneaked into Jericho on Friday to pray at Shalom Al Yisrael Synagogue, caused a ruckus when they entered a Palestinian-owned restaurant and began praying.

The settlers, reportedly from Ofra, managed to avoid Israeli and Palestinian checkpoints on their way to the city. After they found the synagogue locked, one member of the group, claiming to be a tour guide, went to a restaurant and asked the owner if his group could eat there. Owner Jibrin Damanhoury agreed.

Upon entering the restaurant, the group donned tallitot and began reciting prayers. The stunned owner called the Palestinian

Police, which called in the Israeli liaison officer for the Jericho area and the Border Police.

Meanwhile, a crowd of Palestinians gathered outside the restaurant.

The security forces asked the settlers to leave, but were rebuffed. The Israeli forces then dragged them away.

The IDF held the group in the Jericho Israeli-Palestinian District Coordinating Office until the end of Shabbat.

Judea and Samaria District Police spokesman Boaz Goldberg said the group was to be interrogated last night, and then it would be decided what steps to take against them.

Though Jericho has been declared off limits

to Israelis, the IDF approved a visit by the group to pray at the synagogue on Friday morning. However, later in the day, the settlers reentered illegally.

The IDF said the incident was "grave" and that the settlers' irresponsibility could have resulted in a worse situation.

Meretz MK Ran Cohen called on Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to issue restriction-of-movement orders against all settlers whose behavior endangers the safety of IDF soldiers.

"There is no reason for a soldier to lose even one finger and certainly not his life over the fanatical craziness of these people," he said.

Lederman remanded for alleged tea attack on Dayan

YISRAEL Lederman, suspected of deliberately splashing a cup of hot tea in Labor MK Yael Dayan's face in Hebron last week, was remanded for five days Friday by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

Lederman, a Jerusalem resident, turned himself in on Thursday after police had carried out a two-day manhunt.

At the court hearing a police attorney showed Channel 2 television footage of Tuesday's incident and submitted Dayan's account. He said this evidence showed that the splashing of the tea was deliberate. He emphasized the public interest of the case, referring to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and the need to charge Lederman for the attack on a public official.

He said police intended to charge Lederman while he was still in remand in the lockup and

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asked the judge for a 10-day remand to enable police to gather evidence and locate all witnesses to the alleged attack.

Lederman's attorney, Naftali Werzberger, repeated his client's claim that he had been pushed from behind while he was holding the cup of tea. He said his client would already be free if it had been an ordinary citizen who had been splashed with the tea.

Werzberger said pressure from the political echelons, the press, and the public had led to the "lynch" atmosphere surrounding Lederman.

In its ruling, the court said the police did indeed need time to investigate whether the incident was deliberate or accidental.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani on Friday sharply criticized the foul-up in the original attempt to arrest

Lederman, who was taken in for questioning in Hebron after the incident Tuesday, but then allowed to leave.

"The entire affair was dealt with very clumsily," Kahalani said during a meeting with Judea and Samaria police chief Alec Ron and Border Police commander Yisrael Sadan, whom he summoned to his office to personally express his anger over the foul-up.

Kahalani ordered the two border policemen who allegedly failed to properly turn Lederman in to be removed from active duty until at least Tuesday, when an internal investigation into the affair is slated to be completed.

Kahalani originally called for the border policemen to be suspended, but had to back down from the order after realizing that he was not authorized to do so.

Sharon: No immediate plan to drill for oil on Golan

NATIONAL Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon last night denied media reports that new oil exploration drillings are about to commence on the Golan Heights.

This follows reports on Friday that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had consented to such a plan.

"There can be no drilling on the Golan now that the Government Companies Authority has given its approval for the privatization of the National Oil Company," said Raanan Gissim, ministry spokesman.

"The Israel National Oil Company has a concession to

DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

begin oil searches and drilling on the Golan Heights," the ministry said in a statement released yesterday.

"In the past there were indeed plans to conduct drills in this area, but since the National Oil Company is undergoing privatization, all plans for new drilling have been canceled, including the plan to drill on the Golan Heights."

Existing drilling sites are remaining in operation and the newly privatized company will decide whether to continue programs, Gissim said.

The state-run Syrian newspaper *Tishrin* yesterday said in its editorial that drilling for oil on the Golan Heights would be foolish and a "blunt threat" to peace in the Middle East.

"There is no doubt that the government of Netanyahu deliberately works to destroy all remaining hopes to achieve peace," it said.

"It is a dangerous escalation by Israel ... and a new, awkward threat for security, peace and stability," *Tishrin* said.

It warned that Israel must bear full responsibility for its "escalating policy" and for aggravating the situation in the region. It did not elaborate.



People line Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall last night, part of the thousands who formed a 4.5-km. human chain from Zion Square to Yitzhak Rabin's grave on Mt. Herzl, in a demonstration sponsored by Peace Now marking one year since Rabin's assassination. A rally in front of the Prime Minister's Office followed, which Peace Now said was attended by 50,000 people. (Brian Hender)

Hebron Jews tell Sharon they fear IDF redeployment

THE Jewish residents of Hebron on Friday told National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon they fear for their safety as a consequence of the coming IDF redeployment in the city.

Sharon was part of a contingent of over 100 Likud central bureau members who toured Hebron's Jewish areas and met with settlement leaders.

The Likud group was led by bureau chairman and Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau. He told a gathering at the Kiryat Arba Municipality, where the tour began, that "it is the Likud's basic approach that there should not be A areas [barred to the IDF] in Hebron, and the experience of the last few weeks has strengthened this approach."

Council head Zvi Kazover told

the group his community feels particularly concerned over the proximity of Palestinian policemen stationed near the western side of Kiryat Arba.

Following their meeting in Kiryat Arba, the Likud members visited the Cave of Machpela, the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, and other areas. Noam Arnon, spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community, told them: "We didn't expect a nationalist government would carry out the Peres-Arafat agreement with practically no changes." He also complained that the Jewish Hebronites are not being kept up to date on the negotiations over their fate.

Landau responded that it is forbidden for the Netanyahu government to arm the Palestinian Police with rifles, even if it is agreed to store them at police stations. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Youth movements fail to agree on 'Song to Peace'

A choir from Kiryat Malachi is expected to sing "Song to Peace" at a memorial rally for Yitzhak Rabin tonight, after youth movements from the Left and Right failed to agree on the issue.

At the end of last week, the Betar and Bnei Akiva movements announced they would not participate in singing the song that Rabin sang minutes before his assassination at the Tel Aviv rally last November 4.

A Betar spokesman said that "some of the words of the song were offensive to the memory of Rabin and others of the fallen." He said that it went against the beliefs of the Likud-affiliated movement.

The song was used by Meretz as its theme song during the Knesset election campaign.

Peres, Mubarak to meet today

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres will discuss the Middle East peace process with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at Sharm el-Sheikh today, Egyptian officials said yesterday. They said Peres would spend only a few hours in the Egyptian town. *Reuter*

Fifty-eight flights delayed in airport strike

Ben-Gurion Airport reopened last night after striking workers kept it closed over Shabbat, forcing the delay of 58 flights.

After the strike ended, workers gathered to decide on how to proceed.

Airport workers called a work dispute two months ago after not receiving a written commitment that their salaries and pensions would not be affected when the Airports Authority is taxed starting on January 1. The promised guarantee has still not been received. Some 7,000 passengers were affected by the strike. *Itim*

Classic cars on display in capital

Yesterday afternoon 25 classic cars arrived in Haifa after a cross-European drive, which commenced nine days ago outside London's Parliament building. The Classic Car Rally, which is raising funds for the Jewish National Fund, will tour the country from Rosh Hanikra to Massada and Jerusalem, culminating in a reception with Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon on Tuesday.

The cars, four of which are valued at over \$1,000,000, will be on display Tuesday in the courtyard of Jerusalem's Jewish Agency main building. *Daniel J. Chalfen*

CAREER

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nine children, had dreamed of following in the footsteps of his father, himself a former paratrooper, and his elder brothers who also served in elite units.

At the age of 18, his dream came true and he began what he saw as his career in the army. His brother, Ilan, said Uri constantly prepared himself for his role mentally and psychologically.

He was among the top graduates of an officer course and served in several units, including those in the territories, before being sent to south Lebanon.

Tom Karin, though he lived in Hod Hasharon, had asked to be buried in Kibbutz Ein Gev, where he was born and where he lived until four years ago.

He had expressed anxiety about serving in Lebanon, being aware of the dangers there, which is why he had made his desire to be buried in the kibbutz known. He was proud to serve in the paratroopers, an uncle said, and had recently been involved in a clash in which terrorists were killed.

Itim contributed to this report

HIZBULLAH

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IDF soldiers killed in action in south Lebanon since the beginning of the year. During the same period, 80 have been wounded.

More than 50 explosive devices have been activated against IDF and South Lebanese Army troops since the beginning of the year.

IDF gunners responded to Thursday night's attack by shelling suspected Hizbullah targets north of the security zone. The shelling, however, was limited to less than 20 rounds.

Levine visited the wounded in Rambam Hospital on Friday and spoke with their parents and relatives. He said Hizbullah had increased its activities since the elections in Lebanon, but at the same time was being careful not to provoke a massive response from the IDF.

"There has been an increase in activities since the elections in Lebanon. We have a rate of two of three incidents per day - between 600 and 700 a year," said Levine.

Fighting continued in the security zone yesterday, with gunmen firing mortars at IDF and SLA positions in the eastern sector of the zone. The mortar rounds fell in open land causing no injuries or damage.

Mubarak, Chirac express concern over peace process

ELDAD BECK BEIRUT and CAIRO

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said on Friday they share a concern for the future of the peace process.

"Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has been in power for only four months. That is not a long period. I hope with all my heart, that he will adhere to what was obtained so far," Mubarak told a joint press conference at Cairo's airport marking the end of Chirac's seven-day Middle East tour.

"If the agreements will not be respected there will be a catastrophe. [Netanyahu] might then decide not to respect the agreements signed with us and the treaty with Jordan. [This would] cause fear and anxiety. Already there is in the region a state of

great hesitation, because delay in the application agreement [with Palestinians]," he continued.

On his way back to Paris, said that despite his concern optimistic and believes peace is inevitable. During his visit to countries and the Palestinian-ruled territories, he said he trod in increasing mutual confidence among the states, delivered several "discrete and official messages and offering several proposals to advance the process."

He also said France has a significant contribution to make to the process, and rejected British complaints that it is interfering. However, at the press conference Mubarak stated that both he and Chirac acknowledge the US's central role.

Netanyahu's brother-in-law resigns from Likud

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's brother-in-law and adviser slammed the premier Friday for the impending Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron and said Netanyahu had disappointed his constituents.

Hagai Ben-Artzi, the brother of Netanyahu's wife Sara, who is observant and helped the premier win the religious vote in the May elections, said he had decided to resign from the Likud Party and would move today to the Jewish settlement in Hebron. Ben-Artzi lives in Beit El.

Ben-Artzi said he helped Netanyahu win the unprecedented trust of the leaders of religious communities during the elections.

"Today when I meet these rabbis and they look me in the eyes, I say with pain that apparently we were

mistaken," Ben-Artzi told Channel 2.

"I did not expect that within a few months after Bibi's government came to power we would be in a situation that a nationalist prime minister would be the one to evacuate Hebron and transfer the security control to [Palestinian leader Yasser] Arafat's hands," he said.

He added that it was very possible that because of this "betrayal," during the next elections the national camp would have to support a religious person for prime minister, on the assumption that he would remain firmly loyal to the values for which he was elected.

Ben-Artzi's remarks were said to have shocked Netanyahu and the Likud. (Itim)

HU scientists use new filter to make 'world's cleanest' water

JUDY SIEGEL

DRINKING water filtered in an experimental facility by Hebrew University researchers is among the cleanest in the world.

The achievement will be discussed at a three-day conference on particles in the process of water purification, scheduled to begin tomorrow at Beit Belgia on the Jerusalem university's Givat Ram campus. More than 100 scientists and water purification engineers from around the world will attend the gathering.

The experiment will be presented by Dr. Samir Hatuki, who works for Mekorot, together with his colleague Yonatan Ben-Tsur, and Technion Prof. Menachem Ravhon.

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Another TWA victim found

Two fuel probes rushed to Washington; airline's CEO quits

SMITHTOWN, New York (AP) - Divers have recovered the remains of another TWA Flight 800 victim, the medical examiner's office said Friday.

The remains of Eric Harkness, of Norwalk, Ohio, were recovered on Wednesday and have been identified through dental records, the Suffolk County medical examiner's office said in a statement.

The crash of the Paris-bound on July 17 killed 230 people. The medical examiner said the remains of 214 have been recovered, and 213 identified.

The discovery was made as news came of progress in the investigation. Two fuel-measuring rods believed by some investigators to be capable of touching off the explosion that brought down the plane were being analyzed by aviation specialists in Washington, sources say.

One of the fuel probes showed signs of "petaling," characteristic of metal which was damaged by a violent explosion, a National Transportation Safety Board source told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Further analysis at the NTSB's laboratories

in Washington is expected to indicate whether the probes might have short-circuited and sparked the explosion inside the nearly empty fuel tank.

"We are very interested in these components," the source said. "They could prove to be very significant pieces to the puzzle."

The two probes, discovered late last week, were the first meaningful pieces of wreckage collected from the ocean floor in weeks.

The probes measure the volume of fuel remaining in the plane's tanks.

Analysis could indicate whether the petal pattern - likened to a flower or a peeled banana - resulted from an explosive device or from an intense fire caused by a mechanical malfunction, combined with the effect of hitting the cold ocean.

Investigators know the plane's center fuel tank exploded. It isn't known whether a bomb, a missile or mechanical failure caused that explosion.

Meanwhile, TWA's chief executive resigned Thursday, hours after the airline posted a \$14.3 million quarterly loss linked to the July explosion. Jeffrey H. Erickson, 51, who also is the

airline's president, said he would step down in January.

"I have decided that it is time for me to move on," Erickson said in a statement that made no mention of the crash or the financial loss, but which took credit for a financial recovery from bankruptcy proceedings.

Erickson was in London the day of the crash. He flew back the next day, but the airline was widely criticized for waiting 25 hours to release a list of passengers who were on the plane.

Hours before Flight 800 exploded, TWA reported a 400 percent gain in its second-quarter earnings, representing a big turnaround for an airline that has been in and out of bankruptcy court twice.

Several remembrances were held around the metropolitan area on Thursday, the 100-day anniversary of the crash.

An East Moriches cemetery unveiled a stone memorial with an imprint of the plane that exploded. It was dedicated "to honor the memory of the family members and friends who perished aboard Flight 800 in the Atlantic Ocean."

Clinton campaigns in South amid attacks from Dole, Perot

CAUGHT in the cross hairs of criticism from Bob Dole and Ross Perot, President Clinton says he's sticking with "a campaign of ideas, not insults" to show voters what a second term would look like.

"You have to decide," the president told big crowds as he campaigned across the South, once considered safe country for Republicans.

Dole, campaigning in Houston, Texas, delivered a harsh attack Friday on ethical questions in the Clinton administration and blamed the media for ignoring violations of the public trust.

"Where is the outrage in America?" Dole exclaimed. "We are not going to let the media steal this election," Dole told several

thousand people at a boisterous morning rally in Houston. "We're going to win this election. The country belongs to the people."

In a booming voice, Dole contended that Clinton has not been given enough public scrutiny on issues such as foreign campaign contributions, the White House use of Republican FBI files and suggestions that the president might pardon former Arkansas business partners.

"When do the American people rise up and say, 'Forget the media in America. We're going to make up our minds.' This is about saving our country," he added.

Perot, a Texas billionaire who is a distant third in the polls, rejected Dole's entreaty to quit the presi-

dential race. But he saved his harshest words for Clinton.

He said the president faced "huge moral, ethical and criminal problems" that could force him from office in a second term.

Clinton, however, maintained his policy of ignoring the attacks, stressing economic and family-values themes rather than responding. It is the strategy of a front-runner, far ahead in the polls and trying to run down the clock.

Dole hopes a California conquest can revive his lagging campaign in time for the November 5 election.

But there are few signs that Dole's gamble of pouring resources into the state in a late-season bid for its huge prize of electoral votes is paying off. (AP)

Fillipino militia kills 33 Moslem guerrillas last week

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - At least 33 Muslim rebels have been killed in several days of fighting on a southern Philippine island despite a government cease-fire offer, the military said Friday.

Air Force planes bombed and fired rockets Friday at guerrilla positions on the mountains around Tipo-Tipo town in Basilan province, about 900 kilometers (560 miles)

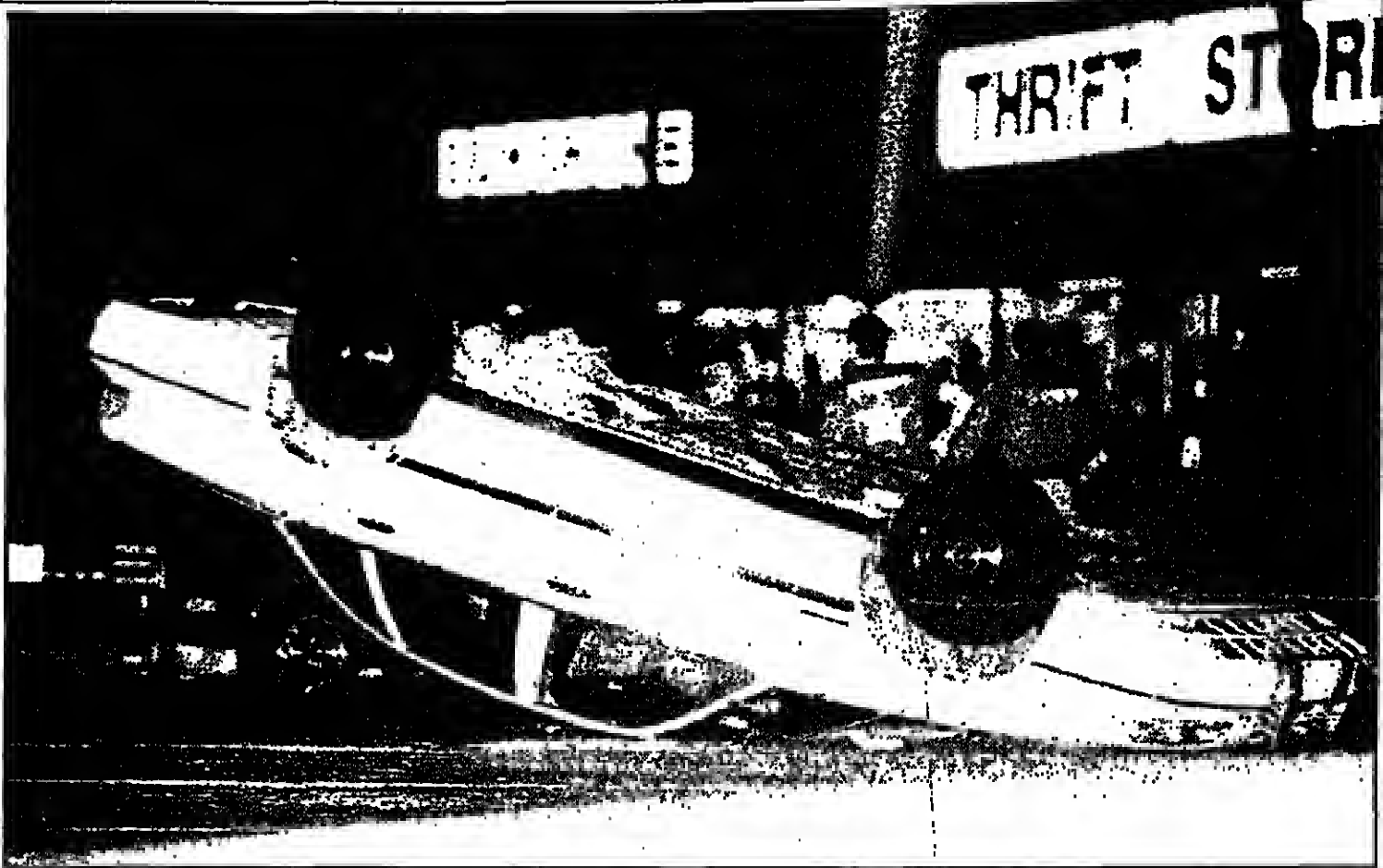
south of Manila.

The fighting flared up earlier this week when Moro Islamic Liberation Front guerrillas ambushed an army patrol, wounding five soldiers. Six more soldiers were injured in the fighting that followed.

The MILF is one of several Muslim rebel splinter groups still fighting the government after the larger Moro National Liberation

Front signed a peace agreement last month, ending a quarter-century rebellion that killed more than 120,000 people in the southern Philippines.

Tipu-Tipu town council member Alton Angeles appealed for relief supplies for at least 600 people who fled to the town center from their remote villages to avoid the cross-fire.



A St. Petersburg police car lies overturned during disturbances on Thursday night following the shooting of a black motorist. (Reuters)

St. Petersburg, Florida calm after riots

STREETS where buildings burned and mobs pelted police with rocks were deserted early Friday after a riot that began when a white officer shot a black man to death during a traffic stop.

"The city is very calm right now," Police Chief Darrel Stephens said Friday morning.

At least 11 people were injured, including a police officer who was shot and a newspaper photographer who was beaten, as hundreds of

people swarmed through the streets after Thursday's shooting. Twenty people were arrested.

Stores were looted and thick smoke clouded the predominantly black neighborhood just south of downtown St. Petersburg, a city with a population of about 240,000, roughly 20 percent black. Groups of youths ran back and forth in the night, throwing rocks, bricks and bottles at officers in riot gear, businesses and

passing cars.

"They were tossing everything at us but the kitchen sink," said Sgt. Denny Simmons, who was struck in the arm during the initial standoff between police and a group of about 100 young men.

The strip of abandoned businesses and deteriorating homes was the sight of another police shooting just last week. In that case, police said, a man broke into his estranged wife's apartment and

attacked her with a knife. Police shot him after a standoff.

The cases were unrelated and dissimilar, but Stephens said memories of that shooting "might have fueled" some of Thursday's anger.

Residents talked about that shooting at the scene on Thursday, and bystanders shouted, "Stop the police brutality," at a line of police officers, according to the St. Petersburg Times. (AP)

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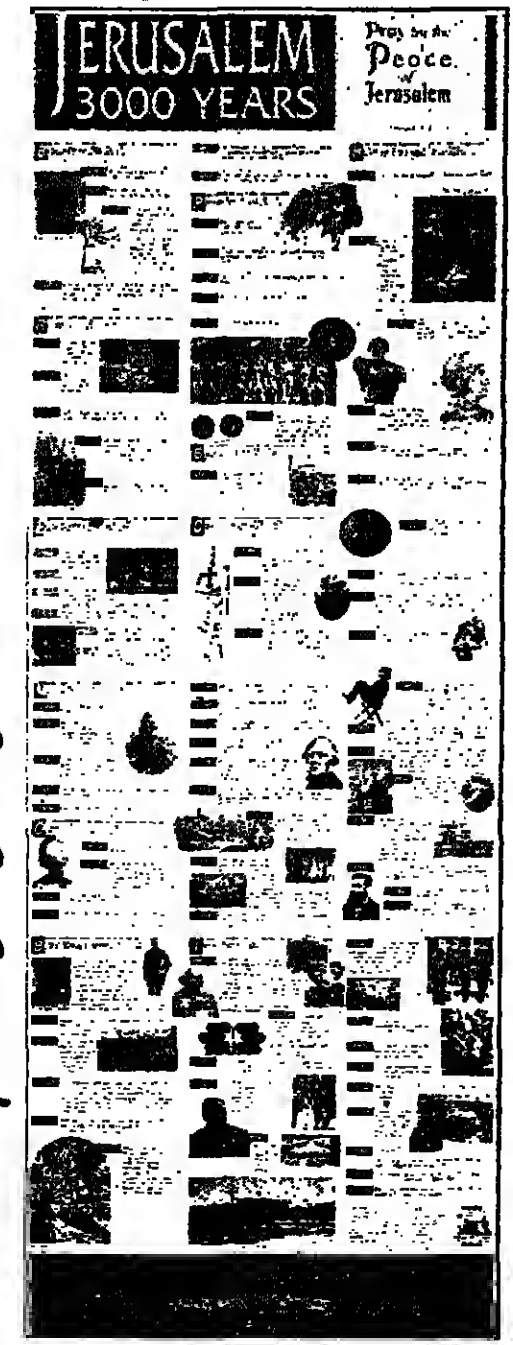
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Sacked S. Korean minister arrested in arms scandal

SEOUL (Reuters) South Korea arrested sacked defense minister Lee Yang-ho, an executive of a leading local company and two employees of an arms dealer yesterday in connection with an arms scandal, prosecutors said.

"Mr. Lee has been arrested and is taken to a Seoul prison," a prosecution official told Reuters. The others were also held.

State prosecutors charged Lee, who was removed from President Kim Young-sam's cabinet last week, with bribery and leaking official secrets to the arms dealer, Kwon Pyong-ho, over a government purchase of military helicopters.

Senior prosecutor Ahn Kang-min told reporters that Lee admitted near the end of a three-day probe into the scandal that he accepted a \$181,000 bribe last year from Daewoo Heavy Industries through Kwon.

"The prosecution is still tracing (Lee's) bank accounts," Ahn said, suggesting that an investigation into whether there were other kickbacks made to Lee was continuing.

"Mr. Lee initially denied bribery charges but he made a number of contradictory remarks," a prosecution spokesman said.

Lee later admitted taking the money after investigators told him that prosecutors had secured evidence he had faced extortion threats by Kwon's employees over the arms deal.

Among those arrested yesterday were Lee Nam-hee and Kang Jong-ho, employees of a company owned by the arms dealer. Also arrested yesterday was Sok Chin-choi, who was the president of Daewoo Heavy, a unit of Daewoo Group, last year. Sok now heads the group's car subsidiary in Poland.

Reports: Tokyo police kept secret cult shooting confession

TOKYO (AP) - Investigators who heard a police officer confess to riding the nation's top police official with bullets last year tried to keep the embarrassing admission a secret, news reports said yesterday.

The officer who has confessed was a member of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, which is blamed for the deadly sarin nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway March 20, 1995.

National Police Agency chief Takaji Kumimatsu was gunned down outside his Tokyo apartment building 10 days after the subway attack. Hit four times, he survived and returned to work 2-1/2 months later.

According to local media, the 31-year-old officer confessed to the crime about four months ago, saying he was ordered to kill Kumimatsu by cult superiors.

Both the officer and the investigators to whom he confessed belonged to the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department. But instead of letting other officials know of the bombshell confession, the department kept it a secret and didn't even conduct a serious follow-up investigation to confirm that the officer was telling the truth, public broadcaster NHK reported yesterday.

Among those left in the dark was

the National Police Agency, which oversees the work of local departments such as the one in Tokyo, NHK said.

Tokyo police made their first formal report on their investigation Friday night, the national daily *Mainichi* newspaper said.

It wasn't clear whether the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department intended to keep the confession a secret permanently or was simply playing for time as it tried to figure out what to do.

A Tokyo police spokesman had no comment on the reports.

Further details of the confession emerged yesterday with reports in several newspapers that the suspect admitted throwing his revolver into one of the rivers that crisscross

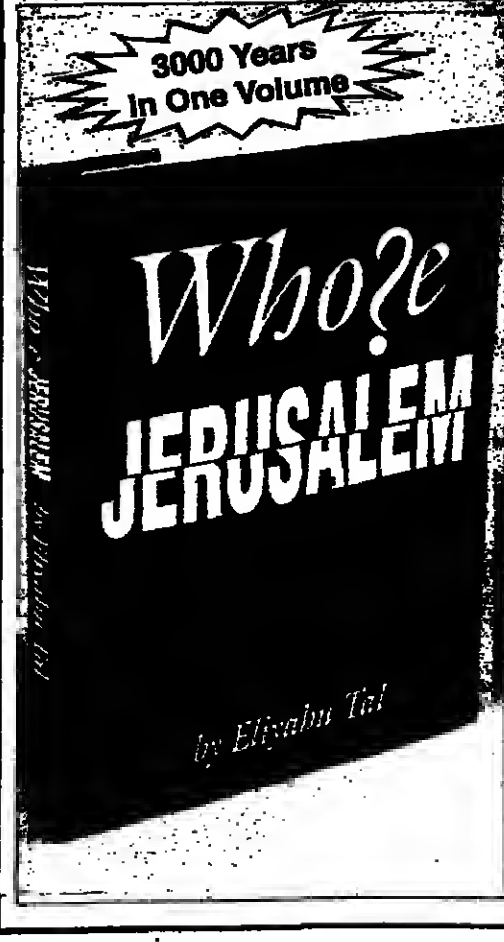
Tokyo as he fled on a bicycle. It has not been found yet.

And Kyodo News reported last night that the suspect has told investigators he was joined at the crime scene by three top Aum members. Two of the three are now on trial on murder charges, while the third is still being sought.

The suspect has not been arrested, and it is not clear what he has been doing in the months since he confessed. Police reportedly aren't sure he is telling the truth, citing inconsistencies in his story.

Aum guru Shoko Asahara is on trial for nearly 20 crimes, including the subway attack, which killed 12 and sickened thousands, and an earlier nerve gas attack in central Japan that killed seven people.

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“There’s no place for medical paternalism”

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ALL doctors must treat patients like human beings rather than mere cases. This message, so simple and obvious to most of us, is not always practiced by physicians. And, Professor Christopher Hook, an oncologist and medical ethics expert at the famed Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, points an accusing finger at the medical profession in general.



Hook: Even when our knowledge fails, we can still provide our presence, our support, our comfort to our patients.

Hook, 39, a consultant in hematology and internal medicine at Mayo, an assistant professor in its medical school and director of ethics education at its graduate school, was recently a guest-lecturer at the Israel Cancer Society (ICA). His address carried such an important message that the ICA will translate it into Hebrew, and send it to dozens of all local medical schools, in the hope that it will filter down to the doctors of tomorrow. One hopes that the message will get through to today's doctors as well.

Hook continues that when no treatments are succeeding, a patient should never be told that nothing more can be done for them. "We implicitly tell them that if they don't have the decency to respond to treatment, we aren't going to care for you anymore... Rather we should say we are going to continue to stand by them and provide them... with as much support as is needed. We should let them know that we still want to see them, and in doing so, we honor them as persons, recognizing their intrinsic worth and dignity. At that point, we become the treatment. And while time-consuming and frequently draining, this has been some of the most rewarding care I have ever given." Even when doctors can't offer anything more to the patient, "we still can offer ourselves," maintains the Mayo Clinic oncologist.

Despite the great growth in understanding of disease, oncologists and other doctors "are still humbled by our lack of knowledge in so many spheres and must face significant limits in what we can do to cure disease. But even when our knowledge fails, we can still provide our presence, our support, our comfort to our patients, and [then] we are genuinely healers... It is absolutely critical that we always remember that each life is a miracle."

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There is an imbalance in the doctor-patient relationship. Although the patient is equally deserving of respect, he is vulnerable and needs help. His autonomy may be compromised by the disease, while the doctor is strengthened by knowledge, experience and good health. This can lead to paternalism, treating the patient like a baby who must accept what the physician dictates.

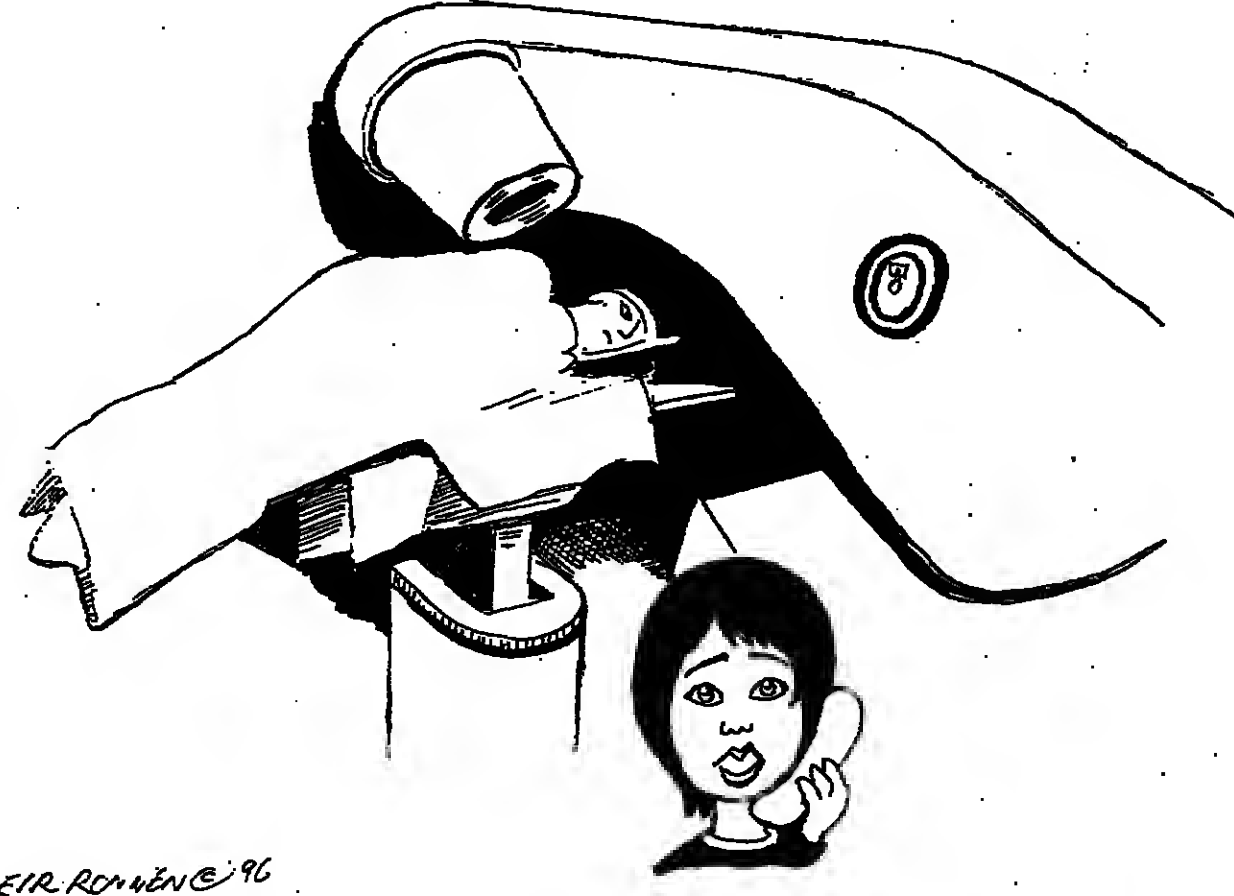
Married to a bone-marrow-unit nurse who is currently raising their two young children, Hook says that impatient, harsh doctors are not necessarily more common in public hospitals than private ones. It largely depends on how the doctors were trained in medical schools. At the University of Illinois, where he studied medicine, and at the Mayo Clinic, where he did his residency, much emphasis is put on the doctor-patient relationship and he had "many positive role models."

This requires attention and presence. "Our patients need to know that we are truly there hearing them and focusing on them. We do not fly into a room to drop off a bomb of therapy, barely deviating from our flight path on other things." Patients should feel welcome in a doctor's presence and

Tele-Tmicha cancer advisory: Friendly strangers lending an ear

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

A 12-year-old girl dialed 02-624-7676 and told a volunteer on the other end that her mother had cancer. The girl and her 14-year-old brother were scared - her mother's condition was deteriorating, forcing her to stop working as a physician, and causing their father to work longer hours to make ends meet. Neither was willing or able to talk about the disease, and the girl's only hope was to speak to a stranger.



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Dorit Greenspan, coordinator of the Tele-Tmicha free, on-line cancer-advisory service, recalls this as only one example of the way her volunteers have provided vital help to cancer victims and their families. A face-to-face family meeting with a professional counselor was arranged.

The open phone line was established three years ago at the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Cancer Association (ICA), after the idea was initiated by US-born social worker Rahel Schwartz-Cohen, who has since died of cancer herself. The Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem pays the salary of Greenspan, a 21-year veteran social worker at Hadassah's Shaarei Tzedek Oology.

The volunteers are prepared with a seven-session seminar on cancer, culminating in an emotionally trying visit to Jerusalem's French Hospital and Hadassah's hospice - both institutions for the terminally ill. Although the turnover of volunteers is quite small, Greenspan still needs additional professionals to offer their services as

demand for them is growing (those interested may call 02-625-6721). "After every ICA Knock-on-the-Door campaign, every article in the paper about cancer, every news report about a famous person who has died of cancer, the number of calls increases dramatically," she says.

Many of the callers have just been diagnosed with the disease, or have been notified of a recurrence of cancer. Others have undergone mammography or a biopsy and are "going out of their minds" waiting for an answer. The beginning and end of the week are generally the busiest times. Greenspan says that nearly all callers identify themselves, but whatever they say is kept strictly confidential. Anyone who complains about "improper" treatment or atti-

These are patients who transmit the message that they don't want to know the truth, or relatives who are certain that awareness would kill the patient. But in most cases, it is best to break the truth to the patient gently. This task, and telling a patient nothing else can be done for him, is often very difficult for the doctor, who has been trained to "treat and cure," but regards unsuccessful treatment as a personal failure. Oncological courses and social workers, as a rule, are very good at getting close to the patient, says Greenspan.

Womem call more often than men, because "they in general are more open about talking about problems and seeking help." But men call as well, and they too cry over the phone. The more a patient knows and talks about the disease, the less frightening it is, Greenspan asserts. In a minority of cases, hospital staffers won't tell a patient he or she has cancer.

Dog droppings are not a major risk

IS it a health danger to allow dogs to defecate in the garden, including in the garden where children play? NG, Beit Zayit.

Dr. Galla Rahav, an infectious diseases expert at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies: Having kids in close proximity to dog droppings is not aesthetically pleasing, but there is no tangible health danger. If some of it gets into their mouths, there could be a problem if the dog has parasites such as worms. But playing in the grass where a dog defecated is not likely to cause a problem. In any case, it's about time that dog owners learn to dispose of their pet's droppings instead of leaving them on sidewalks and other public places.

Unlike cats, dogs do not transmit toxoplasma. Cats often defecate in sandboxes. This proto-

zoocan cause fetal defects if a pregnant woman who has not been exposed before is in contact, and rarely, can cause blindness. But in Israel, children's contact with cat feces is so common, that it actually "immunizes" them at an early age.

Every so often I get a stiff lower back. Recently a friend of mine said he would "cure" it by grabbing me from behind and pulling me onto his back while my legs dangled. I heard a crack, and the pain went away instantly, as soon as my feet touched the ground. Is this risky or can I do this whenever I feel the pain again? O.S., Jerusalem.

Prof. Charles Milgram, a senior orthopedic surgeon at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies: It's impossible to know from your description exactly what the

cause of your back problems is. How it should be treated depends on the individual pathology. If manipulation of your back, which is what your friend did, helped you, it was because the joints of your spine had to be set. But suppose the pain was caused by a different type of problem, such as a bulging disk? In this case, such amateurish treatment could have caused harm - even serious harm.

Devices are now being sold that claim to wake you up when you start dreaming so you can wake up "right inside" them, and enjoy them more. They include a mask that detects rapid eye movements of dreams and sound a buzzer and flash a light. Is it harmful to interfere with dreams in the middle? Avi, Givat Ze'ev.

We at Hadassah have a top-notch chiropractor on staff to whom we refer certain patients - but only after an orthopedist has done a thorough workup. My advice is first seek out a specialist in conventional medicine; if that doctor cannot help you, he or she may refer you to a good chiropractor.

Prof. Peretz Lavie, director of the Haifa Technion's sleep lab and head of the Technion's medical faculty, replies: I haven't examined such devices, but in principle, it isn't dangerous to be awakened in the middle of one's dreams. If the device wakes people up at the beginning of REM (rapid-eye-movement) sleep, when the dream is just beginning, it would be pretty useless. One needs at least a 10-minute delay to get the

Statistically speaking, doctors can use help

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ONE would expect doctors, after long years of medical school, to know how to read - and understand - medical journal articles. But it seems not all do. The Technion's unit for continuing and exterior education in Tel Aviv has opened a two-session workshop for doctors, on understanding statistics in medical literature.

The workshop was initiated by Prof. Ayala Cohen of the industrial engineering faculty in the Technion and Dr. Yossi Tal, a Technion statistician. Tal notes that the tremendous amount of data and the easy access to professional literature places doctors in a very frustrating position. They have little time to hone their skills in digesting the material, he explains, and this prevents them from understanding the important conclusions of articles and applying them to their patients.

Since most medical advances are reached through clinical research and are described in statistical form, doctors who aren't expert in this will have difficulty making decisions on the basis of material read.

"We won't turn them into statisticians," adds Cohen, "but they will get the basic principles, and when a medical marketer gives them an article on a new drug, they'll be able to decide for themselves if the claim is persuasive."

BRCA2 GENE RAISES QUESTIONS
One in 100 Ashkenazi women - four times as many as previously thought - carries a specific genetic mutation that increases her risk of breast and ovarian cancer, according to recent studies. The unexpectedly high prevalence of the genetic defect, and continuing uncertainty about how much added risk the mutation confers, has again triggered a debate among US doctors over whether all Ashkenazi women should be offered tests to find out if they are

carriers. The gene, called BRCA2, rarely appears in other ethnic groups and is not connected to the other, better-known breast cancer gene called BRCA1, which also increases the risk of breast and ovarian cancers. BRCA1 mutations appear in about 1 percent of Ashkenazi Jews. Since the two mutations are almost never inherited together, the new results indicate that one in 40 Ashkenazim carries either one of the potentially deadly mutations.

13,000 of the devices - a 20% increase over the previous year. It buys the devices in pairs, and new immigrants from the CIS assemble them, saving much money and providing jobs for the newcomers.

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Sixty Mageo David Adom ambulance drivers have just completed special courses for driving in wintry, wet and snowy weather. The six-hour courses take place in the special skidding area of the National Transportation School in Ashdod. The drivers learned how to prevent getting into dangerous situations on the road, how to drive along sharp turns at high speeds, how to get onto and out of road shoulders, and proper braking using anti-brake-locking systems. An additional 120 ambulance drivers will be trained soon.

MEANWHILE, MDA has also trained 400 young people to operate mobile first-aid stations. The course was held at the Ovim youth village in Kir Sava. During the week-long courses, teenage volunteers were taught how to act in ordinary and emergency situations, including the treating of mass casualties.

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Covenant deadline unmet

AN important deadline passed almost unnoticed last week.

Six months ago, there was a meeting of the Palestine National Council, allegedly for the purpose of finally canceling its infamous Covenant. And on April 24, the council made a decision which was hailed by then prime minister Shimon Peres as "the most important development in our region in a hundred years". It authorized a legal subcommittee to consider ways of amending the Covenant, and report back to the full council within six months.

The six months expired on Thursday, and there is still no sign of an amended Covenant. Indeed, there is no sign that the legal subcommittee even exists, much less that it has actually done any work.

Given the PLO's record, this is hardly surprising. The promise to amend the Covenant was first made as part of the famous exchange of letters between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in September 1993. Indeed, the repeal of the Covenant was the main thing Arafat promised Israel in exchange for diplomatic recognition and the opening of negotiations aimed at transferring control of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza to the PLO.

While this promise included no formal deadline, it could reasonably have been expected that it would be fulfilled at the same time Israel began fulfilling its side of the bargain. This occurred with the May 1994 Cairo Agreement, under which Israel gave Arafat full control of Gaza and Jericho, as well as certain civilian powers in the rest of Judea and Samaria. In exchange, however, Israel got only another promise to amend the Covenant - again, without even a deadline.

In September 1995, Israel signed the Interim Agreement, which promised the PLO full control of the seven major cities of Judea and Samaria, plus complete civilian control and partial control of some 400 villages. By the end of 1995, Israel had fulfilled this promise every place except Hebron.

All it got in exchange for this pullback, however, was yet another promise to amend the Covenant. The only difference this time was that the promise included a deadline: May 7, 1996.

This deadline was the reason for the April 24 circus: It enabled both Peres and the rest of the world to declare that the promise had been kept and the Covenant had been amended.

The truth, of course, was far otherwise. Not a single article of the Covenant was actually amended at the session. According to an internal document published at the end of April by Fatah's Research and Thought Department in Ramallah, "the text of the Palestinian National Covenant remains as it was, and no changes whatsoever were made to it." Salim Zaoun, chairman of the Palestinian National Council, wrote in An-Nahar on May 16 that "no specific articles" of the covenant had been canceled.

Indeed, even the decision to refer the matter to a legal subcommittee did not appear in the list of PNC resolutions published in the daily Al-

Quds on April 26.

Even among those too honest to subscribe to the lie that the Covenant had actually been amended, however, there were still optimists who insisted that the April 24 decision represented some progress. At least, they said, the PLO is working on the problem.

But with the passage of yet another deadline last week, it is time for Israel - and the world - to finally face facts: The PLO not only has not amended the Covenant; it evidently has no intention of doing so.

This is not something Israel can let pass. Thirty of the Covenant's 33 clauses call for Israel's destruction. Of all the many PLO violations of its agreements with Israel, this is one of the most fundamental.

The agreements with the PLO of necessity entail transferring much of the responsibility for Israel's security to the Palestinian Authority. Under those agreements, Israel has helped the PA to establish an armed force - which currently numbers 45,000 men, and which can be expected to grow as the process proceeds; it has also surrendered vital intelligence functions to the PA. Furthermore, Israel has given the PA strategic territory, and will presumably give it more if the process continues.

All these steps are foolhardy unless the PA is genuinely committed to peace. But if the PLO is unwilling even to amend its constitution so that it no longer defines Israel's destruction as its No. 1 goal, what kind of commitment to peace does that show?

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu correctly made the Covenant a central issue of his campaign, promising that his government would not continue giving land and power to the PA unless this document were finally amended. Since his election, however, this promise has gone the way of too many others. The issue was barely mentioned at Friday's cabinet meeting, though it was supposed to have been a major topic of discussion. Nor did Netanyahu mention the Covenant in public statements after the cabinet meeting.

Worst of all, he is continuing to negotiate a withdrawal from Hebron as if this issue did not exist. While Israel's failure to withdraw from Hebron is an indisputable violation of the Oslo Accords, it is neither as fundamental nor as long-standing a violation as the PLO's refusal to amend its Covenant. It would not be unreasonable to link the two.

Arafat has made it clear that he will not amend the Covenant unless he is forced to, and so far, Israel has chosen not to force him. This is vital mistake - because no people genuinely interested in peace could be unwilling to amend this vile document. And if the Palestinians are not interested in peace - if they are merely interested in milking Israel for everything they can get in preparation for the next war - then there is no point in continuing the process.

Netanyahu should flatly refuse to move forward until this document is amended. This is not an unreasonable demand, for the Covenant is at the very heart of the process. Its amendment is the very minimum the Israeli people have the right to expect.



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Startling cover-up

JAY BUSHINSKY

THE pro-Nazi legacy of the late and unlamented Haj Amin el-Husseini, the self-styled grand mufti of Jerusalem, survives in the neo-Nazi ideology of such Palestinian extremist groups as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as in Lebanon's Hizbullah.

But the wily Moslem cleric who fomented the 1936-39 Arab riots in spite of Great Britain's mandatory government of Palestine and went on to recruit Bosnian, Albanian and Caucasian fellow-believers for active duty in Heinrich Himmler's Waffen-SS not only escaped post-war punishment at the hands of the Allies; he won a bizarre degree of understanding, if not outright sympathy from Israeli Arabist-turned-diplomat Zvi El-Peleg.

Before his installment as Israel's ambassador to Turkey in 1994, El-Peleg composed a seminal biography of El-Husseini entitled The Grand Mufti. The forward to the book's Arabic-language edition was written by the grand mufti's nephew, Faisal Husseini.

To the astonishment of Jennie Lebel, an expert in the tragic history of the Balkans, El-Peleg makes short shrift of the grand mufti's wide-ranging service to the Nazi cause. This subject barely gets five pages, she said.

Her decision to fill in the shameful details by composing the newly-published Haj Amin and Berlin (in Hebrew) was largely motivated by a remark she attributes to El-Peleg, to wit: The grand mufti's active involvement with the Nazis "was of no historical significance."

It is conceivable that El-Peleg's conciliatory treatment of El-Husseini was prompted by El-Peleg's espousal of the Palestinian nationalist cause to the extent that he may have assumed that a future Palestinian state's pantheon of national heroes would include the grand mufti.

Lebel's detailed research leaves no doubt that contemporary Palestinians would be unwise to bestow such honor upon the pro-Nazi Moslem cleric. She demonstrates how the fanatically anti-Zionist and quixotic Palestinian Arab leader used religion as a means to achieve his political ends. He deliberately encouraged the Nazi regime to recruit Bosnian Moslems for the Waffen-SS's Handjar (Dagger) Division, then touted it as a model for the

Albanian Moslems' equally genocidal Skander-Beg Division and later for Caucasian Moslem counterparts.

Lebel makes it clear that the grand mufti's hero and mentor was Adolf Hitler, and that he maintained close wartime contacts with SS Chief Heinrich Himmler, the fiendish mastermind of Nazi Germany's machinery for mass murder.

The author also was motivated

Why would an Israeli leftist exhibit bizarre understanding for a Hitler-worshiper?

by another literary coverup. In 1995, a collection of Haj Amin's articles were published, containing no reference to the pro-Nazi years. It was as if they had been totally forgotten.

DESPITE THE prevailing rejection and condemnation by contemporary Palestinians of el-Husseini's political activities before, during and immediately after World War II - Palestinian journalist Jamil Hamad describes him as "a man who brought misery to the Palestinians" - the cleric had an ideological impact on the Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hizbullah movements, as well as on the articles and political cartoons worthy of the infamous Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer that have been appearing in the Egyptian press.

Lebel quotes a pamphlet composed by the grand mufti for distribution to the Bosnian Moslem troops recruited for service in the Waffen-SS entitled "Islam and Judaism."

"For us, the Moslems, it is incompatible with our honor to utter the word 'Islam' in the same breath as 'Judaism' because Islam is so lofty that it is above its corrupt enemy."

She then refers to an Islamic sage who quoted the Prophet Mohammed as having said: "The day of judgment will come only when the Moslems totally defeat the Jews and when every tree behind which a Jew is hiding will say to the Moslem, 'A Jew is cowering behind me, kill him!'"

El-Husseini went on to spread his ideological poison to the Nazi-occupied Caucasus. A manifesto issued by the mufti to the Waffen-SS's all-Moslem New Turkestan Division states:

"I was very happy that you joined the ranks of the Waffen-SS and decided with strong faith to fight side by side with our German allies against our common enemy."

"As you know, the world is divided today between two camps, the Allies, who are manipulated by Jewry in other words, the powers who have been eternally hostile to Islam and have oppressed the Moslems, conquered our land, fought against your religion and are preparing things in the future which are even worse; and the other camp headed by Germany - a state that never was a foe of Islam."

Incontrovertible evidence that the mufti's anti-Jewish dogmas permeate Hizbullah can be found in recent declarations by the Iranian-backed movement's Lebanon-based spokesmen, Sheikh Fadallah and Sheikh Taleb.

In an interview with an American television network they said that "the Jews control the Clinton administration and determine its Middle East policy." Hamas and Islamic Jihad diatribes take the same kind of inherently anti-Jewish approach.

It was with good reason that the British authorities who ruled Mandatory Palestine put out a warrant for the grand mufti's arrest. He might have been tried as a war criminal had he not eluded them (at one stage by hiding in Jerusalem's Hasmonaean water tunnel) and found refuge in Beirut.

His reprehensible political record is an undeniable part of Palestinian Arab history; it should be acknowledged as such not only by enlightened Palestinian Arabs like Jamil Hamad, but also by left-wing Israeli political activists like Zvi El-Peleg, who adopted the Palestinian cause as their own.

There is no justification for a coverup on the Israeli left, just as there is none on the French right for the repugnant collaborationism of "Unoccupied France's" wartime Vichy regime.

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ALEXANDER ZVIELLI

THE 40-percent wage increase granted our MKs a month ago and a similar hike coming to our top managers and administrators on November 1 are a resounding slap in the face of all hardworking Israelis, not to mention retirees.

These hikes come in the wake of recently-published lists of the extraordinarily high salaries paid to top officials in government-controlled (and hardly ever profitable) enterprises, and in banks owned by the government.

One doesn't have to be an economist to understand that we can scarcely afford such luxury; it will increase unemployment, widen the gap between haves and have-nots and speed up inflation.

Such expenditures are usually followed by waves of corresponding "adjustments." These will certainly increase our national debt and worsen our ailing balance of payments.

One wonders how we still dare to plead for foreign aid or seek vast loans abroad without having first cleaned our own house.

Can our leaders really be unaware of the deep concern, disillusionment, bitterness, grief and a sense of damage done by the unmitigated greed of our MKs spreads among working people?

The public will not be slow to note that those municipality heads who will be almost doubling their salaries will yet still have the cheek to demand government aid to cover their enormous deficits.

And we have quickly learned that our elected officials' promises to eliminate waste are easily erased by the opportunity to dip into the public till.

All those MKs who voted themselves such large increases while the country struggles with enormous financial difficulties and faces the prospect of a further reduction in the defense budget can now congratulate themselves: They have shown that they are no better than the representatives of a typical South American banana republic of the last century. They have

An unjust society? It's just the way things are

turned this country into a free-for-all market, one where noble ideas are sold for shekels and a Knesset seat becomes a valuable investment.

MKS may show themselves to be pollsed speakers, but they have acted crudely. Only a few spoke out against the salary increase. That increase will no doubt provide widespread justification and encouragement to monopolies and vital services that will now be able to press new wage demands.

And who will go on paying more and more? Why, the public, of course!

No wonder political blackmail and the discovery of large under-the-table financial deals no longer come as any particular shock. There are a number of ministries today that are no more than milch cows, distributors of financial largesse overseen by their elected patrons. Shameful to say, it's a standard feature in modern Israel.

THE TERM "the fat and the strong" was coined by our Prophets, who warned time and again of the danger those in power pose. The "fat and the strong" have more than once been responsible for Jewish disasters, but it was the hope of building a just society that made the Zionist dream whole.

We scorned the past, sought and advocated social equality, modesty, respect for pioneering and hard work. No MK, however hypocritical, would dare to praise such values today.

We face a situation in which working folk and pensioners are finding it ever more difficult to make ends meet, while the bureaucrats who run the country and control major political parties and the Histadrut sit very pretty indeed. As George Clemenceau said, "A nation without a conscience is merely a herd on the road to the slaughterhouse."

National unity, already fragile, is further weakened. Never mind it's only our lives and the future of the country that are at stake. And our free press isn't that free any more - and perhaps it doesn't want to be.

Should we march in the streets, fight and condemn, expose and ridicule the enemy within? One thing: We should save our votes for those MKs and parties whose modesty and care of the public purse has never been in question.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEXUAL ABUSE

Sir, - I am outraged that you published Carol Tavris's insipid article of October 16, which concludes that men who expose themselves to little girls are nothing to be concerned about. Many of these men will go on to more serious crimes. As for the ridiculously light sentences given to men who rape their children, this is a symptom of the lack of awareness as to the life-long damage caused by sexual abuse. Fifty percent of those subjected to sexual abuse as children will suffer life-long suicidal tendencies. Many will become sexually abusive to their children or will marry abusers. Almost all will suffer some degree of

post traumatic stress disorder. The most damaging effect of abuse - physical, verbal and sexual - is that the victims often are incapable of forming bonds of trust with others and, therefore, lead lives of isolation and fear. Abuse leaves permanent scars, which are far worse than any physical damage. Too bad the judges in this country do not consider the terrible emotional damage. It is irresponsible to publish articles which leave the impression that sexual abuse is to be taken lightly. DR. MIRIAM ADAHAN, Psychologist, Jerusalem.

THE NEW YORK PARADE

Sir, - Reading your reports about the Jerusalem Parade reminded me of the Salute to Israel Parade in New York.

For many New York area residents, the parade has provided a vehicle for establishing and reaffirming their commitment to the State of Israel. For decades, the parade has been the largest single event in support of Israel outside of Israel. The dividends for Israel have been a direct increase in tourism and aliyah among educated American youth. The numbers of American immigrants may be small when compared to other countries, but those numbers would be even smaller without events like the parade.

Unfortunately, last year, the Jewish Agency saw fit to dissolve the American Zionist Youth Foundation which had been the long-time sponsor of the New York Parade. The disarray caused by this action almost led to the elimination of the parade. Leaders like President Weizman talk about the need for aliyah from the US without realizing that it needs to be nurtured. The past government's idea of nurturing was to send us Shulamit Aloni. The fiasco that resulted left a deep stain on the parade's reputation and a strain between the New York community and the Israel government.

Let us hope and pray that the new government under Prime Minister Netanyahu's able leadership will be able to correct the many mistakes of the Labor/Meret coalition. ROY SACKS, Chairman, Formation Committee, Salute to Israel Parade, New York.

TV TIME SLOT

Sir, - I am a loyal fan of Dr. Quinn - Medicine Woman on Channel 2 and thoroughly enjoy the program, whether it has a sad or happy ending.

However I do feel, especially after viewing the episode of October 18, that the current new series should not be shown at prime children's viewing time - 3 o'clock on a Friday afternoon. In the previous series, this program was aired in the early evening, giving parents the opportunity to veto their children's viewing of programs not suitable for youngsters, but by airing on Friday afternoon, parents really have no choice, as this time of the day is children's time.

As television has such a strong influence on children's lives, airing such an emotionally charged program could have an adverse effect on your young viewers. Channel 2 should reallocate a later time slot for this wonderful, adult program. FRANCES GOLAN, Netanya.

EGYPTIAN PUBLIC OPINION

Sir, - In Time magazine's interview of October 21, President Mubarak of Egypt stated that he was "very, very, very upset" in his dealings with Israel. He reported relations with Israel were strained largely because of Egyptian public opinion. What Mubarak failed to point out is that the Egyptian public has been exposed for years to the most virulent antisemitic propaganda since the Nazi era delivered by his government-run newspapers and media. The average Egyptian thus has little perception of Israelis except as viciously portrayed in a Der Stuermer fashion by Mubarak's press. This incitement is not aimed only at Jews, as the streets of Egypt have in recent years witnessed massacres of Greek and American tourists and Egyptian Christians as well. Mr. Mubarak, we are very, very upset with you! SCOTT DAVID LIPPE, M.D., Mineola, N.Y.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



To call Zack Strenkert a big kid is an understatement.

He looks like a miniature sumo wrestler, a puffy pink cumulus cloud of flesh. At 17 months old, Zack, of Bloomingburg, New York, weighs 31 kg (68 pounds), as much as an 8or 9-year-old.

He's a meter tall and nearly as big around. On hot days, he wears nothing but a diaper - in the largest adult size.

There's no evidence of a glandular disorder; he's just large.

"He's never been a big eater," Mrs. Strenkert said. "He'll have a quarter-cup of cereal for breakfast, crackers for a snack, a half a sandwich for lunch."

His 7-year-old brother Andrew is also big - 55 kg (121 pounds), twice the normal size. Zack weighed 4.9 kg (10 pounds, 12 ounces) at birth. (AP)

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Kremlin spin doctors push new perspective on death

BY MASHA GESSEN

It is a trivial truth that, as long as anyone can remember, Kremlin watchers have made their living off two questions: How ill is the current Kremlin resident, and who is really running the country? Rulers, Russian and Soviet alike, have generally died in office. Their deaths, often the only impetus for major government policy change, have always been political events.

By the time most of the Kremlin's modern occupants got there, they could hardly walk unaided. The average life expectancy for a Russian man is 58. Boris Yeltsin is 65, and so, though Russians never tire of discussing the president's appearance, the signs of his illness are familiar and expected. A hard-working, hard-drinking Russian man his age looks like a (barely) walking corpse, and that is that.

For Yeltsin, though, this Russian resignation to the facts of life is no longer of much political use. So for the past few months, as it has become increasingly difficult to hide his condition, Kremlin spin doctors have labored to break the usual formula by making the ordinary political fact of the president's illness into an extraordinary personal tragedy. Only a new sort of public understanding could stave off the traditional vulture-like power grabs by political rivals or the new danger of a decline in investor confidence.

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On Sept. 5 Yeltsin took the unprecedented step of announcing he was ill and preparing for surgery. The official public-relations machine launched into action, delivering two messages: that the president's medical condition was a discrete one and that, consequently, a single heart operation would return him to health. In a society that, unlike the United States, accepts death as random, commonplace and non-negotiable, the politicians have tried to mobilize a skeptical citizenry behind the simple idea that death can be prevented.

Only once in the last month have the official spokesmen and the media allowed any distraction from Yeltsin's vital muscle. In late September, for the first time in recent years, the Kremlin declared a national day of mourning after a freight train in southern Russia crashed into a school bus carrying 21 children. For nearly a week, television broadcasts showed close-ups of parents assembling the limp parts of their children; two days after the accident, flags flew at half-mast, and the memorial service featured a panoply of federal-level dignitaries, including Yeltsin's daughter, who delivered her father's condolences. The spin echoed the message of the First Illness: In a country whose population has declined for five consecutive years, where more than 2 million die per year (one-sixth of them the victims of accidents or murder) and where a month earlier uncounted thousands died in yet another escalation of the 2-year-old war in Chechnya, death, carnage and sudden disaster were now being portrayed as extraordinary events.

For the first weeks after Yeltsin's impending surgery was announced, the Russian press treated the president with unprecedented compassion. It was a victory for the Kremlin media team. Journalists suspended criticism of the president in favor of get-well wishes and praise for his courage. Media reports, accompanied by anatomical diagrams, focused on the president's heart as the sole residence of his ailment and on the operation as its final resolution. Even Yeltsin's political rivals accepted this assumption, calling for laws requiring medical exams for public officials and demanding a clarification of the mechanism by which the president would delegate power during his operation — as though it were only on that extraordinary day that he was likely to die.

But, as the rare close-up shots of Yeltsin receded into memory, it became clear that the only extraordinary, localized and finite event was the sudden flash of glasnost in the Kremlin. Newly announced disclosure policies notwithstanding, the spin doctors did not retract their previous false denials that Yeltsin suffered a heart attack near the second round of the presidential election in July. Nor did the Kremlin press service reveal much about the president's current condition. A month after Boris Yeltsin broke with the silent tradition, the relationship between the Kremlin and those who watch it has returned to normal. The once frenzied talk of a medical-disclosure bill has subsided, for the obvious reason that no Russian man over 40 — no major Russian politician, that is — has a hope in hell of scoring an honestly clean bill of health. Journalists are back to guessing and speculating: Is Yeltsin secretly being readied for a heart transplant? Which of his other organs are malfunctioning, and how badly? How many heart attacks has he had, and when?

The adjustment in the country's concept of death and disaster proved short-lived, too; when on Oct. 3 a helicopter carrying 30 people crashed, it scarcely warranted mention on the evening newscasts and got no top-level official reaction. The farcical public eod in the Russian president's personal tragedy now lies in plain view. In a couple of months the Kremlin press service will announce the successful completion of a heart operation on Boris Yeltsin. The country, led by the Kremlin-watching media, will become convinced that in the end the doctors decided not to operate but to say they did. Which will raise two questions: How sick is Yeltsin, and who is really running the country?

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Party line

GOP quick to make excuses for Dole's pending loss

BY MICHAEL CROWLEY

"The sky is falling," declares the lead editorial in a recent issue of *The Weekly Standard*, bulletin board for the GOP zeitgeist. "This year's presidential campaign is over."

Their last hopes dashed by the lackluster debate performances of both halves of the GOP ticket, U.S. Republicans have been scrambling to spin themselves and their pet issues in the best possible light. Like sports fans who rush for the exits in the fourth quarter, hoping to avoid the traffic jam, many are trying to immunize themselves from post-election recriminations by filling newspaper editorial pages with self-serving excuses before the fact. Like snowflakes, each brand of explanation possesses its own unique beauty.

TAX-CUT TANGO

For instance, how does Graver Norquist, the friend of Newt who heads Americans for Tax Reform, and a man who has devoted his life to the tax-cut gospel, explain the coming defeat of a candidate who has staked his campaign on a massive across-the-board reduction? He doesn't. "Dole is not going to lose because people don't want a tax cut," Norquist insists. Thanks to Bill Clinton and a nitwitted press, "a lot of people don't know about it." In fact, they somehow not only don't know about it, but also "think it's a tax hike." Although Dole has been talking about the tax cut for weeks down in stump speeches, ads and interviews — often sporting a yellow 15 percent sticker on his lapel for emphasis — somehow the plan is not getting through. "I personally think Watergate," says Norquist, getting his scandals confused, "is manufactured by the Clinton administration to keep people from talking about taxes."

A more specific refinement of the tax-cut excuse is that of U.S. vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp. According to Kemp soulmate and supply-sider Jude Wanniski, "the forces of austerity and cultural renewal essentially had won all the arguments up until the San Diego convention — and were 20 points down in the polls." Enter Kemp. "All they had to do was get Jack on board," Wanniski says. "Everyone at the grass

roots of the party knows that's the way to get Dole elected." Two months later, the ticket is still 20 points down. But that's because Dole and the national GOP haven't been paying enough attention to Jack. "The public is saying, 'Jack is there, but we're not getting any commitment from the campaign,'" grumbles Wanniski.

MORALS MESS-UP

Or are Kemp and his tax cut getting too much play? "The tax cut and the fiscal message is a winning message — but only if it's complemented with a morals and values message," Ralph Reed recently explained to *The New York Times*. Bob Dole "is paying the price for abandoning his natural electoral base: pro-family conservatives scattered throughout the hinterlands, a large number of whom describe themselves as 'born-again Christians,'" wrote Martin Mawyer, president and founder of the Christian Action Network, in *The Washington Post*. "Our laments for the declining American family... were too faint to reach the GOP political consultants hunched over power lunches at the Palm, talking about tax cuts."

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Or maybe that's not it either. Ann Stone, head of Republicans for Choice, says the influence of Christian hard-liners, the people that Mawyer claims are systematically excluded from GOP power lunches, have pushed a social agenda that's chasing sensible voters away from Dole. "We have to send them a message again," she says, noting that her members are alienated

"because of the platform," which called for a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion.

CHARACTER CONFLICTS

Their alibis keep coming. There's Dole's refusal to attack Clinton's character "as though it were more important to be nice than to win," scoffs Bill Bennett in *Newsweek*. Or Dole's refusal to "stand for strong and assertive world leadership," wrote *Standard* editor Bill Kristol and contributing editor Robert Kagan, representing interventionist neocons, in *The Times*.

At this point in the campaign, there's little point in holding one's tongue. Even lower-level aides can't seem to feign the requisite campaign sunniness. "Boy, that's unfortunate," ruefully muses Ralph Reed's flak Mike Russell over Dole's poll numbers. "Everyone is thinking about what happens when the pulse goes flat." The assistant in no prominent conservative columnist even offers her own spin, "just between you and me." (She's among the few conservatives who actually admit Clinton really is a tough candidate.)

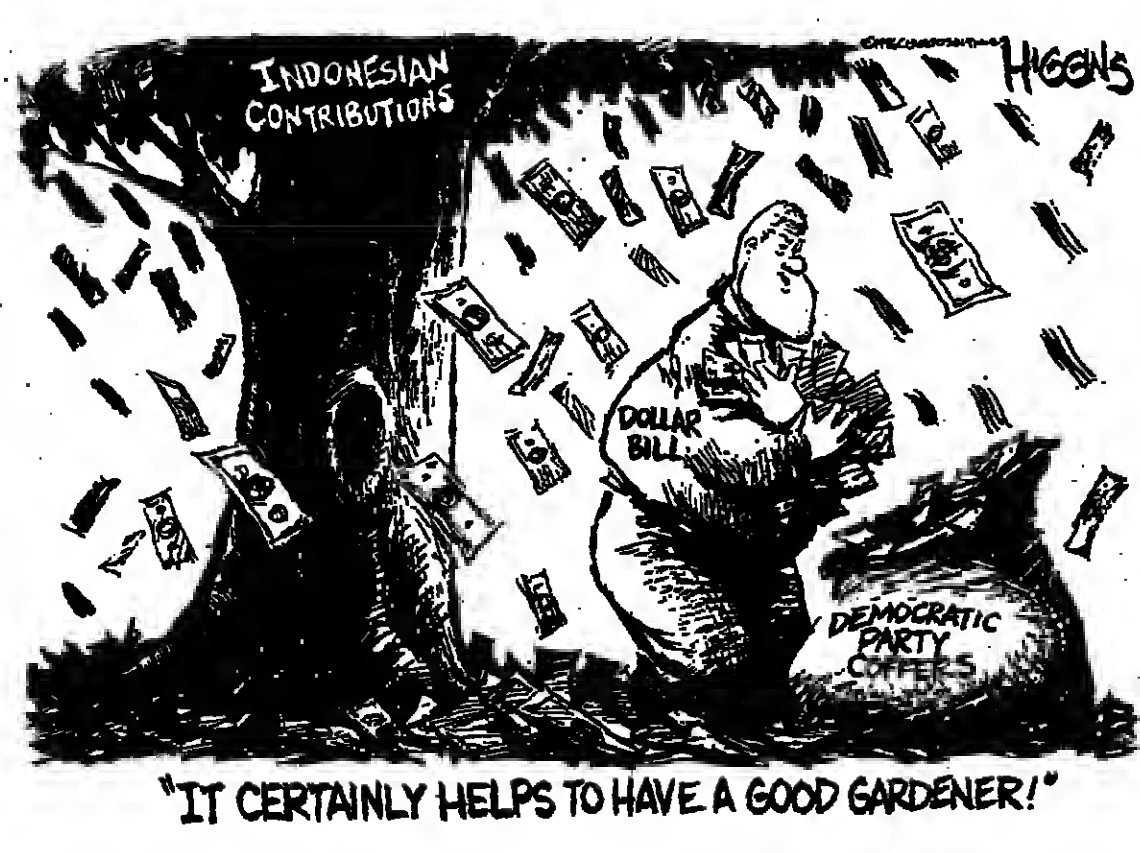
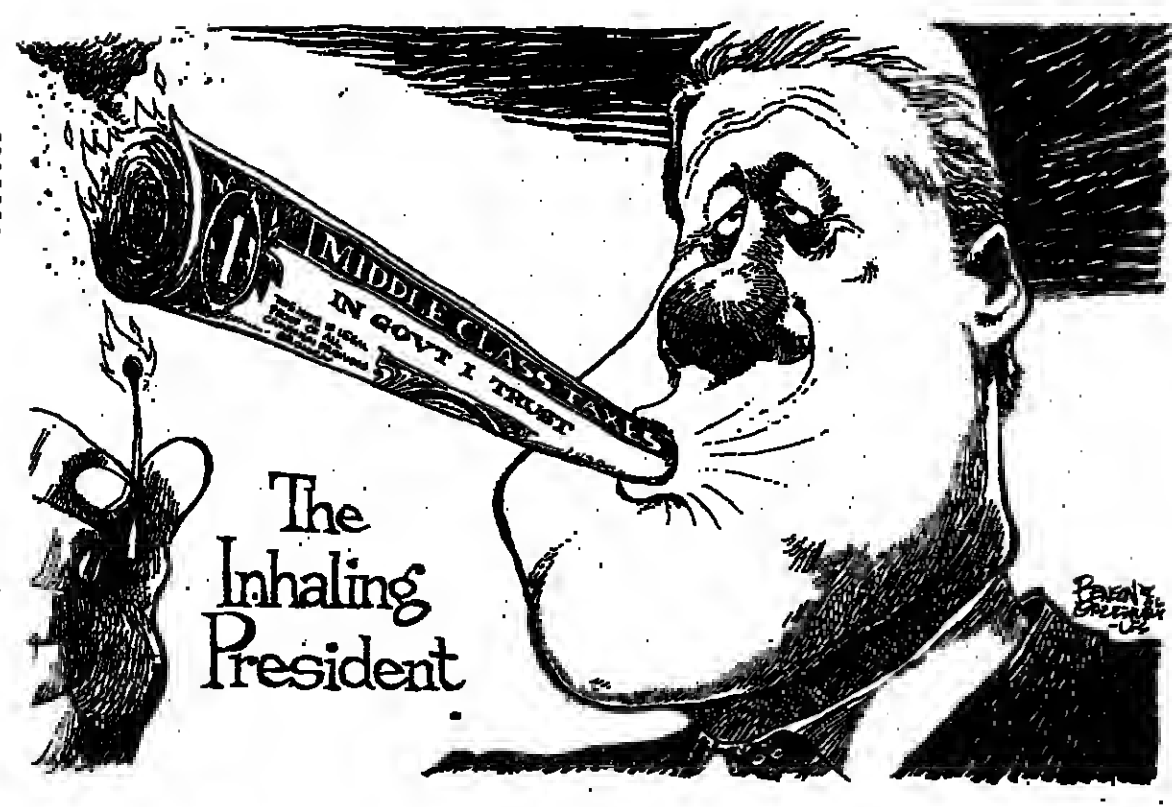
Some of the recriminations have taken on a nasty, resentful edge, akin to a backlash against a crumbling monarchy that is losing its hold on the countryside. *The Standard* has gone to great lengths to unstuck itself from Dole's star. In the latest issue, the editors get nudged Dole spinner Mike Murphy to suggest Dole "create a culture more like a campaign and less like the Kremlin." Kristol concurs: "There is something Politburo-like to the Dole campaign," he says. "No one's willing to bring bad news to the boss — they report cheerfully that steel production is up 400 percent. It is ultimately the Brezhnev campaign," he continues. "There has been a certain hostility to constructive criticism."

Fed up with Kristol's dissent, Dole's communications director, John Buckley, recently dubbed him "the first rat." "Kind of an unfortunate metaphor," Kristol notes. "It does imply that the ship is sinking."

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Fight for Dole's seat tests religious right in Kansas

BY ALISSA RUBIN

Mary Jane Bradley can smell victory. One day soon, she thinks, the Republican Party in her state of Kansas will be dominated by social conservatives at every level. "We got the state House in 1994, we'll get the [state] Senate this time, and then we'll go for the big one, the governor," says Bradley, a Republican activist and public school teacher from Topeka. What about this year's race for Bob Dole's former Senate seat? "Oh, we'll get that," she says confidently. Her candidate is Sam Brownback, an affable young leader of Newt Gingrich's freshman class and a favorite of the Christian right.

Karen Clark, who lives in Wichita, also is a public school teacher and a lifelong Republican, but the political trends that put Bradley in such a cheerful mood make her angry and afraid. "The Republicans have just gone really far right," she says. "Their view on the feminine issues — abortion — it's the one issue that has pushed me off my party. They want to tell us how to live." Clark will be voting for the Democratic Senate candidate, stockbroker Jill Docking.

The campaign to take Dole's Senate seat has gotten national attention chiefly because of the man who relinquished it. But that's not the only story. For one thing, the race is a test of the religious right's success in Kansas. For another, it's a contest in which women voters may make all the difference. This is not just because of the gender gap. "Women represent 53 percent of the electorate in Kansas," says Brownback's campaign manager, David Kensingner. "They will elect the next senator."

Whether that senator is Brownback depends on the extent to which moderate Republicans — especially women like Clark — cross party lines to distance themselves from Christian conservatives. Brownback is working hard to keep defectors to a minimum. To be sure, he has the backing of groups such as Kansas for Life and Focus on the Family. A Christian volunteer in the Brownback campaign sent out an unofficial fund-raising letter describing him both as "Christ-like" and as someone "who keeps in mind that he is an ambassador for Christ." But Brownback himself has mostly been sounding the themes of political reform, not religious revival, talking more about term limits than abortion.

It would be tempting, in fact, to call Brownback the Christian conservatives' stealth candidate, except that there's nothing secretive, exactly, about his conservatism. It's just that he trows it out mainly for the faithful, while talking up safer issues like federal spending to mainstream voters. Kansas supporters say he's just practicing good Midwestern manners: "It's a little unpleasant or impolite to bring up things like homosexuality or abortion," says Paul Rosell, a prominent anti-abortion activist and the Republican Party treasurer in Kansas. "Especially if people are eating, and they often are at political rallies."

In the 1990s, though, social conservatives mobilized by the Christian Coalition took over the Republican Party in Kansas as they did in more than a dozen other states across the country. When I

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What caused this takeover? "The Christian conservatives won it fair and square — they went precinct by precinct," said Pete McGill, a Republican lobbyist in Topeka. "Probably the majority of [Kansas] Republicans are pro-choice. The problem is the majority of moderate Republicans are also lazy and don't know how to organize. They like to contribute a few dollars and say, 'Go get 'em, tiger.'"

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If Kansas voters have been pushed solidly into the social conservative camp, this Senate race will show it. While Brownback represents the ascendance of the new right, Docking is the virtual embodiment of old-style Kansas moderation. Like Kansas Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, she is a member of one of the state's prominent political families, though Docking's affiliation is by marriage, not birth: Both her father-in-law and his father served as governors, and her husband was lieutenant governor in the early 1980s. Like Kassebaum, too, she is business-friendly and fond of bipartisanship: Both women support a balanced budget program that would make fewer tax cuts than the Republican plan, and both support abortion rights while opposing federal funding for abortion. "Democrats have to be willing to hold down spending on entitlements, and Republicans have to hold down spending on defense," says Docking. But Docking's main pitch to voters is that she will preserve Kassebaum's centrist approach. "We tilted way to the right in Kansas during the last election," says Docking, a 25-mile-a-week runner whose Middle-American friendliness belies her Ivy League background. "It was the first time I've been scared as a Kansan. We need more balance."

While Docking got scared enough to run, the question is, will moderate Republicans get scared enough to vote for her? And how can she excite their fears when Brownback, in public at least, presents such a reasonable front? Until his first congressional race, Brownback was viewed as a middle-of-the-road, business Republican. "I didn't perceive him as an extremist; he didn't even sign up for the Contract with America,"

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Brownback's appeal to both mainstream Republicans and religious conservatives makes him the consummate "bilingual politician" whom social conservatives now try to cultivate, according to political science professor Clyde Wilcox of Georgetown University, who studies the politics of the Christian right. "These are candidates who can talk the talk to religious folks but can also talk to secular voters. These kind of candidates do very well especially if they have held public office and haven't been frightening," says Wilcox.

Still, for Republican voters like Karen Clark, just contemplating Brownback's future voting record is scary enough. Brownback's supporters, she complains, "talk about family values as if they were passed down to Moses along with the Ten Commandments." The disaffection of Republican voters like Clark helps explain the recent polls that put Docking and Brownback less than 5 percentage points apart — a minor miracle for Kansas Democrats who thought that with Dole at the top of the ballot the race was a lost cause. The odds still seem against it, but if the unthinkable happens and a Democrat wins Dole's seat, it will be because moderate Republicans like Clark "just woke up," as she puts it, after the 1994 election: "Suddenly after the last election all these people we had voted for started talking and the rhetoric was so radical, I thought 'my god, what did we do?' They've gone too far."

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Doonesbury G.B. TRUDEAU. A multi-panel comic strip showing characters in a restaurant setting, with dialogue bubbles.

PEANUTS by SCHULZ. A comic strip featuring Snoopy and Woodstock, with a pumpkin character and dialogue about Halloween.

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Supply-side convert Kemp: the 'Michael 1' Candidate

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

Consider two conservative U.S. Republicans. Both love to dream up nutty free-market ideas to help the poor, like laptop tax credits for welfare mothers or zero taxes on inner-city capital gains. Both also reject racial wedge issues: One sunk plans to end affirmative action during the last Congress. The other is a longtime supporter of affirmative action who only recently hedged. The first is Newt Gingrich, whose very name terrifies most liberals into writing a large check to Bill Clinton. The second is Jack Kemp, who routinely sends lefty types into orgies of misty-eyed cooing.

It's not unusual for politicians to win admires on the other side of the aisle, but usually this crossover appeal is reserved for moderates such as Howard Baker or Sam Nunn, whose bipartisan popularity comes at the expense of ill will from their own hard-liners. Somehow Kemp has both won over the GOP's right wing (social and economic conservatives, a feat in itself) and made himself every liberal's favorite Republican. "He puts principle over party," effuses Harlem Democrat Charles Rangel. "I don't think of him as a Republican." How, in a shrill partisan season, has Kemp become all things to all people? By cultivating a reputation as a floating intellectual, beholden only to ideas. "A passion for ideas," gushed the headline of a New York Times profile of the vice presidential nominee, the day after he joined the ticket. Journalists marvel at his interest in, as Newsweek put it, "the theories of supply-side economics, policy innovations like enterprise zones and unfashionable nostrums like putting the U.S. dollar back on the gold standard." This "counterintuitive" mix, as Time cheered, makes it, in the Washington Post's words, "difficult to fit him into the traditional ideological categories."

But Kemp's set of ideas isn't idiosyncratic. It isn't even a set of ideas. It's one basic idea, and Kemp is the first to admit he didn't think it up himself. In fact, no American politician is easier to categorize than Jack Kemp.

Supply-side economics, to which Kemp adheres, is more than a strong belief in cutting taxes or even a belief that tax cuts raise tax revenues. It's tax rates as the uncausal explanation for world history. Consider the following passage from *The Way the World Works*, the supply-side bible penned by Jude Wanniski, who converted Kemp:

Although he left the explicit tax rates high... the economy expanded, but in so distorted a fashion

that it compressed the tension between agriculture and industry into an explosive problem that Hitler sought to solve through *Lebensraum*, or conquest.

This kind of crankery is exemplified by cartoonist Matt Groening's "single-theory-to-explain-everything maniac," who asserts, "The nation that controls magnesium controls the universe!" Magnesiumcentrism is only slightly less plausible than the supply-side creed; and if magnesium subsidies had the political appeal of tax cuts the idea would no doubt be embraced by a major political party. Supply-siders have developed a network of editorial writers and quasi-economists devoted to wedging the square peg of world events — Reagan's deficits, the absence of a depression following Clinton's tax hike — into the round hole of their theory.

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This entails a complex web of corollaries to which all true believers subscribe. Some, like enterprise zones, have a clear connection to tax-rate determinism. Weirder spin-offs like the gold standard have some mystical connection. (In his book *The Seven Fat Years*, Wall Street Journal Editor Bob Bartley attempts to explain the gold standard by recounting a session at Michael 1, the posh New York restaurant where the original supply-siders consorted. Arthur Laffer drew him a diagram showing that the money supply couldn't control monetary demand. Ahhh!)

In his book, Wanniski describes Kemp as "ripe for conversion when I met him early in 1976." Conversion is the word of choice for luring new sheep into the supply-side fold. "You have to really believe in it to get converts," Wanniski told me. "You're going up against a whole universe." Since the Michael 1 crowd — of which Wanniski was a charter member — rejects standard economics and history, converts accept the canon whole cloth or not at all. Wanniski can't think of a single issue on which he and Kemp disagree. The two have spoken virtually every day since the conversion.

usually several times a day. (In fact, Kemp phoned during Wanniski's interview cum monologue with me.) "He'd call me up at 8:00 in the morning," he recalls, "saying, 'I've finished the book, send me another one.'"

Suppose that 20 years ago Wanniski kidnapped Kemp and reprogrammed his brain, Manchurian candidate-style, to carry out his will. A brief look at Kemp's career makes this theory eerily plausible. Start with Kemp's late endorsement of Steve Forbes during the GOP primary. Forbes jumped into the race, at Wanniski's behest, to induce Bob Dole to support the flat tax, a supply-side fetish. At first Kemp remained neutral, hoping Dole would co-opt the idea. After Dole impugned it, Kemp endorsed Forbes. Once Dole advocated a huge tax cut and a future flat tax, Kemp joined the rick.

Dole has since soft-pedaled the tax cut, and tried to divert Kemp into hounding the president about his character. But Kemp is following another master: During his debate with Al Gore, he compulsively cited tax cuts as the solution to problems such as affirmative action, defense, regulation and phlegmatic baseballer Roberto Alomar. When asked about Bosnia, Kemp criticized the administration for bombing Iraq. But Dole's position is that Clinton is too soft on Saddam. Lo and behold, Wanniski had pushed that same line in our interview two weeks before.

Even Kemp's famed concern for the downtrodden is an outgrowth of his tax-cutting evangelism. Kemp loves the urban poor because he thinks he has found their salvation: The only thing keeping ghetto youth from entrepreneurship is the fear that they'll grow-rich and, decades later, have to pay capital gains taxes. Inner-city politicians prefer this story to standard conservative analysis because it doesn't hold the poor responsible for their own condition.

His urban supporters hoped his tenure as secretary of Housing and Urban Development would revitalize the department. While the job proved a bully pulpit for Kemp's notions, his insistence on tax-cutting dogma doomed them to legislative oblivion. Once HUD no longer served his career he literally lost interest in its existence, calling for its abolition in 1994. Ditto affirmative action and immigration, which Kemp turned against when presented the chance to run for vice president on a supply-side platform.

Kemp views all ancillary social issues as mere tactical compromises. Inevitably they peel away, and all that remains is the Michael 1 Candidate.

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Democrats grant FedEx favor, give labor cold shoulder

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Organized labor, which is giving U.S. Democrats unprecedented support this year, was administered a cold dose of reality Oct. 3. Prominent Senate Democrats, including the party's leaders, chose a world-class schmoozer over their union benefactors. As the Senate raced toward adjournment, these Democrats helped sneak through legislation that will make it harder for labor to organize Federal Express truck drivers. In angry reaction, the Teamsters severed relations with Senate Democratic campaign officials, and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney refused to take phone calls from apologetic Democrats.

Senior Democratic senators, hoping to reclaim committee chairmanships in January, were disconsolate last week. Have they sacrificed recapture of the Senate by alienating labor? Probably not. "We're outraged, but we're not going to cut off our nose," a high-ranking AFL-CIO official told me. Still, this is a cautionary tale of how Washington works. Key Democrats spurned labor and instead backed Frederick W. Smith, the entrepreneurial genius who founded Federal Express and still is its chief executive officer. Smith is a master when it comes to the care and feeding of Washington politicians, as organized labor found two weeks ago.

This discovery must be set against the revolution inside the labor movement after Sweeney's election. While moving left, the AFL-CIO ended its bitter quarrels over trade with President Clinton and the Democratic Party and abandoned any pretense at bipartisanship. In return, labor expected as a minimum Democratic opposition to what FedEx wanted: repeal of a 1995 statute removing the legal description of Federal Express as an "express company." That description requires unions to organize the company nationally, which is more difficult than doing it locally.

Sweeney was adamant that no one company should be given such an edge, with the United Auto Workers in Pennsylvania and Teamsters in Indiana eager to organize FedEx. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, ranking Democrat on the Senate Labor Committee, stood guard in the upper chamber. In the House, Democrats held off Federal Express all year — until the 104th Congress neared adjournment. The FedEx provision finally made its way to the House floor as a two-sentence addition to the Senate-House conference report reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration — slipped in without the conference committee even meeting. It passed the House on a 218-198 vote along party lines and was handed to an adjournment-hungry Senate as a fait accompli.

Kennedy forced a Senate vote to impose cloture, which would have failed if Democrats had held firm. Instead, 15 Democratic senators — including Minority Leader Thomas Daschle and Minority Whip Wendell Ford — broke party ranks and defied labor. Pro-labor Democrats claim anti-labor Republicans are responsible, adding that Daschle was just trying to pass the FAA bill.

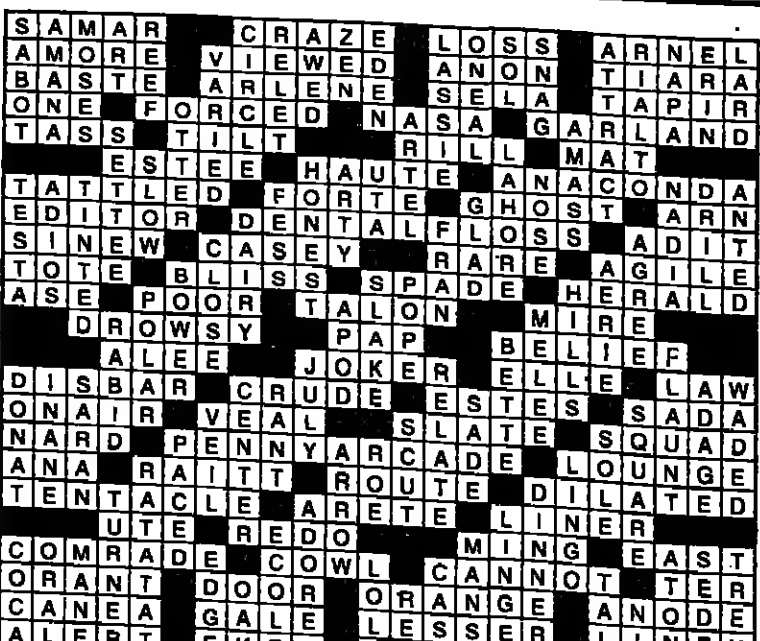
But there is more to it than that. FedEx's Fred Smith is a prototypical political switch-hitter who gives generously to both parties. Daschle's predecessor as Senate Democratic leader, George Mitchell, pushed through other legislation desired by Smith against labor's wishes and is now a member of the company's board. The Clinton administration last year insisted on opening Asian routes to FedEx.

"Everybody that knows him [Smith] says he's an incredible guy," says Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott, who knows him well. "If I can ever do him a favor, return it, I'll be glad to do it," says Democratic Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, who battled ferociously for FedEx's bill. The favor that Hollings talked about was the air-lifting of hay by Federal Express planes to the senator's drought-stricken constituents in South Carolina. But there are other Smith favors: close to \$1 million in bipartisan contributions this year and, more personally, rides on the company's jets. One labor official quipped that the Teamsters' mistake was President Ron Carey's sale of the union's plans.

Carey was not amused, cutting off Teamster funding to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and sending money directly to Senate candidates. What really struck fear in the hearts of Democratic senators was Sweeney's refusal to talk to them until he let Kennedy go to labor headquarters last Friday to avow his support. But the AFL-CIO had been given a taste of Democratic gratitude.

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IN Hebrew he is called *Hozer Bishviva*, one who had made amends to Jewish religious traditions. To the Orthodox, what the secular Jew regards as non-binding tradition is a mandatory condition to be fully accepted in the fold.

The leap of faith

THEN AND THERE
SRAYA SHAPIRO

A non-Orthodox Jew who tries to understand Judaism at its core, presently discovers that he must practice centuries-hallowed religious precepts, canonized by sages in circumstances totally different from ours today.

Amnon Arieli was a journalist in Tel Aviv, "secular" as any sabra boy who had never opened a Talmud volume. One evening he answered a small advertisement he found in a local paper suggesting a call to Rabbi Ikka Israel, formerly a painter.

Eventually, Arieli was won over to the Orthodox ways, divorced his wife and left his work. He tells his story in *Tinok Shenishba* ("A Captive Child," published by Am Oved, 236 pp.).

Not content with the holy texts, Arieli read articles by Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz, Professor Yirmiyahu Branover, and other scientists known for their Orthodoxy. "There were ups and downs in my thinking," he writes, until finally, he "clearly realized the limitations of human senses and the failure of science to attain an objective understanding of reality."

He acquired a prayer-book, first an Ashkenazi Lithuanian version; then a larger one in the Hassidic tradition, because, according to Arieli, "Hassidim lead in matter of prayer."

Arieli was particularly impressed by the devotion of the Bratslaver Hassidim, and accompanied them to Uman, in Ukraine, where followers gather annually at the rabbi's gravesite. On the Bratslaver, he notes: "I've learned to pray in solitude, just between me and my Lord." Some Hassidim, he observes, "shout at the top of their voices in an endeavor to pierce the skies."

It did not take too much time for the newly Orthodox journalist to discover that the traditionally Orthodox did not admit the "neophytes" into their inner circle.

Like aristocrats of old families, the traditionally Orthodox keep the "upstairs" at a distance. The new Orthodox, who find it expedient to establish their own synagogues, meet mainly among themselves.

The "return to faith" phenomenon is almost strictly an Ashkenazi affair. The few Sephardim entan-

gled in the process are cared for by Ashkenazi rabbis, in Ashkenazi prayer houses, whose Hebrew is pronounced in the East European way of centuries ago. The question arose, says Arieli, whether saying prayers in the Sephardi way, that is common in Israel, is acceptable. After many deliberations it was agreed that the Sephardi pronunciation was valid, "but one has to enunciate the Almighty's name 'Adonai,' the Ashkenazi way, not 'Adonai,' as the Sephardi tradition requires."

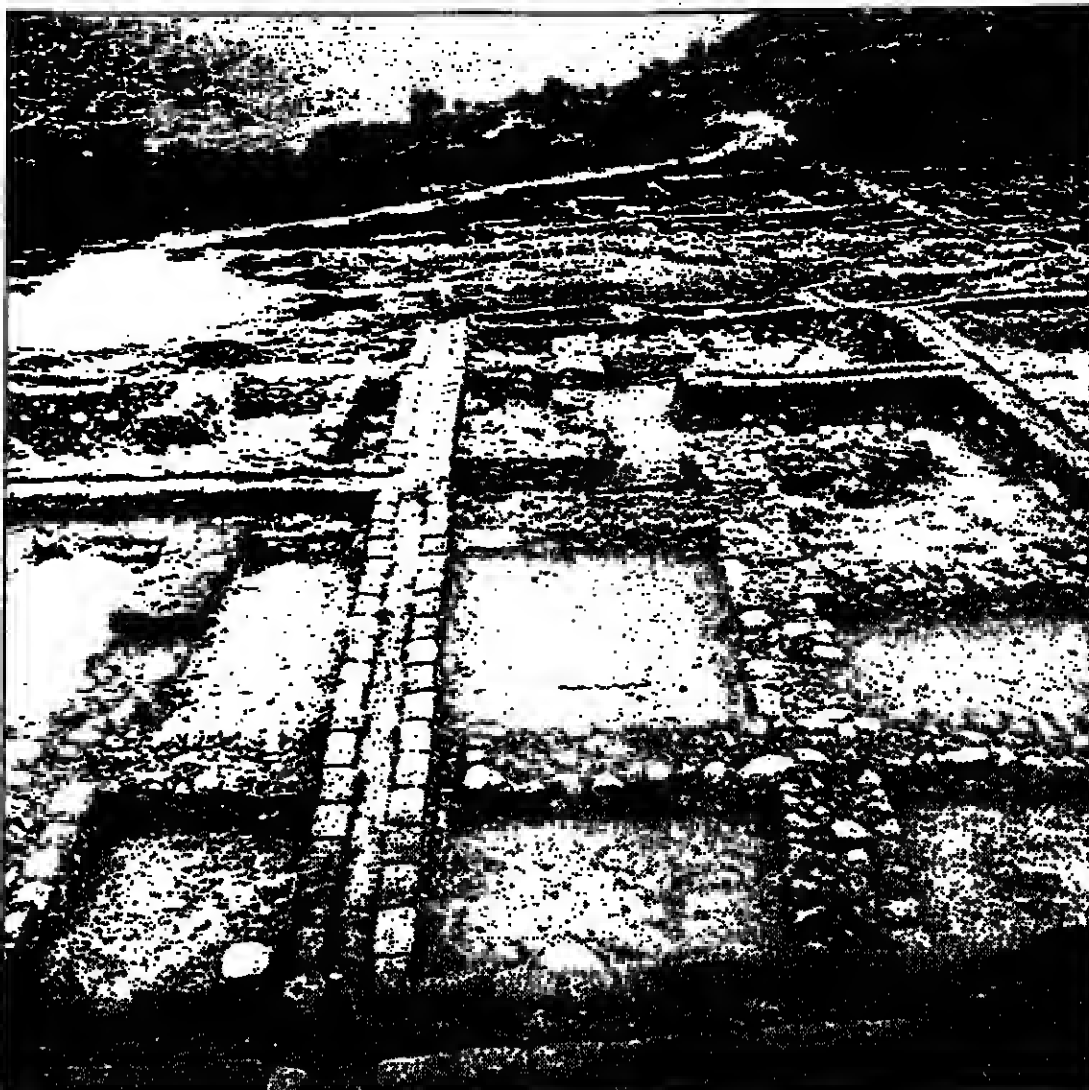
The sophistication of the Jewish law may pose unexpected complexities to people who suddenly feel it necessary to abide by it: What to do with "Bill," a volunteer worker in a kibbutz, who "entered into the family room" (kibbutz euphemism for living as a couple) with "Noa," whose legal husband had left her many years before?

There was no problem with a divorce, and subsequent marriage — it was all arranged before their son was born. But when "Bill" and "Noa" left the kibbutz, and were persuaded by a common friend to adopt a religious way of life, they

were faced with a problem: "Noa" had become pregnant in "Bill" while she was still legally a married woman. An enterprising rabbi saved the child from becoming "illegitimate"; he discovered that Noa's grandmother was not exactly Jewish and never converted properly. Hence, Noa was not Jewish, her previous marriages did not hold, and presto, Noa was dutifully converted and dutifully married Bill.

When the new Orthodox assembly in a yeshiva to study the law they vie with one another in discovering — or inventing — precepts of behavior that oblige a religious Jew, observes Arieli. His corkscrew had to be made kosher by immersion in scalding water before it was fit for use. The key to his house had to be attached to a belt's buckle so it might look like an ornament permissible to be carried on Shabbat. To rinse your hands before taking food one should take care to pour water first on the right hand, then on the left. Should the appropriate blessing be said before drying the hands, or after? No clear ruling on that; the problem has to be discussed.

"If one day you realize that all this is one big humbug, what will you do?" the author asks a friend, also newly Orthodox, who answers: "I'll have no regrets... for I will never understand how, as a mature man, I was able to live without faith."



A partial view of the Yarmut palace under excavation. Many rooms were storerooms found filled with large jars that once contained foodstuffs.

Our first architects

Should the Israel Architects Association ever seek a venue for celebrating the birth of architecture in this land they could not find a more appropriate site than Tel Yarmut just south of Beit Shemesh, Abraham Rabinovich reports

APART from a splendid view of the Judean Hills climbing towards the eastern skyline, Yarmut offers the earliest evidence of the emergence, some 4,500 years ago, of a guild of Canaanite specialists who could both conceive monumental structures and construct them by mastering a standardized set of building techniques.

"We are here at the beginning of architecture in this country," says Dr. Pierre de Miroschedji, who has just concluded his 11th season of excavations at the site.

The evidence lies in the remains of a palace complex from the Early Bronze Age, a time when man came up with one of his boldest innovations — the city. About 3000 BCE, nomadic sheep herders began drifting into Canaan from the semi-arid periphery and settling down to life as agriculturists.

From hamlets and villages, some of these settlements grew into towns and then cities. Canaan itself was little more than an appendage dangling between the brilliant civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt. In Mesopotamia, where the art of writing had emerged a few centuries before, Sumerian civilization was thriving. In Egypt it was the great age of pyramid building. Neither area was yet sending armies on long marches so Canaan was left to develop its civilization at its own pace. Yarmut became one of its largest city-states.

De Miroschedji's excavations on behalf of the Paris-based Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, in conjunction with the Hebrew University, have uncovered a large palace complex, measuring six dunams, from the 25th century BCE. Across the street from the palace he found a residential area where the common folk lived. "The techniques used in building the ordinary houses were totally different than the ones used in building the palace," he notes. "The palace was built by someone who had specialized, professional knowledge. This man we can call

an architect." It is the first indication in Israel of architectural specialization at such an early date.

The most notable feature delineating a professional touch was the use of a standard measure — the cubit of 52.5 centimeters. All walls and other building elements were multiples of that length. Cubits came in various lengths in antiquity but the 52.5-centimeter measure was the one Egyptian stonemason's knew as the "royal" cubit. It would still be used in public structures in Second Temple Jerusalem, 1,500 years after construction of the palace at Yarmut. In addition, the techniques used in the palace for constructing walls, doors, thresholds, and foundations were markedly different from those used in the residential area.

"We can assume this is not the only building this architect built in his life," says de Miroschedji. "He had inherited knowledge and we must assume there were others like him in the country." Thus far, only one other structure from this period showing comparable characteristics has been found in Israel — a smaller building discovered at Megiddo some 60 years ago and subsequently dismantled in order to permit further excavation.

"At Yarmut and Megiddo we have the earliest evidence of monumental architecture in the country — monumental not just in being large but in concept." The emergence of such large-scale architecture, de Miroschedji suggests, reflects a political-economic reality that encouraged strong, centralized authority focused on city-states surrounded by rural villages.

BEFORE the excavation of Yarmut, says de Miroschedji, cities were believed to have emerged in Canaan only in the Middle Bronze Age (19th-16th centuries BCE), the so-called Age of the Patriarchs. "From the palatial complex we uncovered," he says, "we see that this kind of political and economic organization already existed in Canaan in some major settlements in the

Early Bronze Age (31st-24th centuries BCE)."

The 6,000-square-meter palace complex consisted half of a built-up area, half of courtyards. Many of its rooms served as storerooms. Numerous storage jars were found in them — 37 lining the walls in one room alone. Instead of constituting a complex of interconnecting rooms, the palace consisted of three- or four-room clusters accessed directly from the courtyard. "It was a matter of economic control," says de Miroschedji. "Each group of rooms could be closed off from the rest of the palace. There may have been an upper story for living quarters but many, if not all, rooms at ground floor level were storerooms."

This summer, the archeologist began exploring an adjacent area on the tel where remains of an even larger structure from this period have been found. De Miroschedji suspects that this structure, whose walls have foundations more than four meters deep, may turn out to be a temple. "Palaces and temples went together at this time. The secularization of political power was not achieved, as far as we know, before the second millennium [BCE]."

The construction of these enormous structures represents the final flowering of Yarmut before its sudden demise less than a century later. The reason could have been prolonged drought or economic collapse or warfare between the city-states. "These city-states were fragile political and economic organizations," says de Miroschedji. "They were giants with clay feet."

Reoccupied about 1,000 years later, Yarmut would be mentioned in the Bible as one of the Canaanite kingdoms conquered by Joshua. However, the earlier, more impressive city — 10 times the size of biblical Yarmut — would lie forgotten until archeologists in our own time exposed its bold dimensions and the even bolder concept that shaped it.

When you go away and leave your pet behind

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

IF you live with a dog or a cat, then probably one of the most important decisions you will be called upon to make is just what to do when you are going to be away from home.

For some people, and especially if the absence is for a month or more, the happiest solution seems to be finding someone who will stay in your home, and take care of your animal or animals. It goes without saying that the animals should be acquainted with the new "sitter" before you leave. The least successful solution, in my experience, is putting the animals with someone in a strange place to wait for your return. Many dogs, and almost all cats, somehow do manage to get out and try to go home. Some of them succeed, some come back to the last familiar place and, sadly, a good many are killed or disappear on their journey.

For most, a reliable kennel is the preferred solution both when you are away or when an unsupervised bitch is in season and needs to be confined. But here, the question of the animal's welfare is the main consideration, and there are several things you should do to help guarantee that your pet will be kept in the conditions you would have them kept in. Firstly, be sure: visit the kennels and/or cattery before you reserve and see just what facilities they have to offer. Secondly, ask as many questions as you need to satisfy you. If the owners of the facility don't want to answer or are "too busy," then choose another facility. Do not be put off with generalities or vague replies.

agreement from the facility that your animal will be taken to the veterinarian.

Make sure that your own animals will not be kennelled with strange animals. Many animals have died because they were killed by unfamiliar kennel mates. This is especially important in the case of small-breed dogs, particularly terriers, since they will usually refuse to submit, even if overpowered or outnumbered. Also, be sure your veterinarian knows that your animals are in kennel so that he or she will be prepared if called. If your animal gets any special diet or medication be sure to make arrangements with the kennel.

Having done this, enjoy your trip. Most kennels are operated by responsible people who really do care for animals, and most animals do quite well in kennel for limited periods.

The secret life of 5,000-year-old Oetzi

IT was a cold night when Oetzi lay down on an Alpine pasture to rest his arthritic bones.

Some 5,300 years later, his frozen, tattooed body was dug out of a glacier in a remote Tyrolean valley, leading experts to hail him as the world's oldest mummy.

The iceman was found in September 1991 by German tourists on the 3,000-meter-high Similaun glacier in the Oetz Valley, after which he is named.

Since then, 40 teams of experts from around the world have been working on the man who came in from the cold, believed to have died from exhaustion at an age of about 45.

"The iceman is in good condition," said Werner Platzer, head anatomist at Innsbruck University.

Oetzi is being kept in a sarcophagus at the Institute of Alpine Prehistory, a home specially created for him.

Studies of the iceman found he had probably been about 164 centimeters tall at the time of his death, but that he has since shrunk to 159 centimeters.

His weight seems to have dropped to about 40 to 50 kg, just before his death. Scientists found that he had suffered from worms and ensuing diarrhea.

However, there are also signs that Oetzi fell prey to other ailments. The 57 tattoos found around various joints of his body led scientists to conclude that in Neolithic times tattoos were used for therapy and that Oetzi suffered from arthritis.

So far 50 tiny probes have been taken from his body using titanium instruments in order not to leave any trace. These samples have accumulated to a total 2.5 grams, Platzer said.

A few months ago, the professor



The tattooed arthritic body of a man who went to sleep 5,000 years ago was found in the Tyrol in September 1991 by German tourists.

examined the mummy's sexual organs, which Austrian newspapers speculated had been damaged when he was dug out of his glacial grave.

"Everything is still where it should be," Platzer said. "It's only that it's shrunk so much one could get the idea it was missing."

Both his lungs as well as his liver were in an advanced state of atrophy, Platzer said.

The next project will be modeling an exact replica of the Neolithic alpinist's skeleton. This and further projects will likely take two more years at a cost of some \$10 million.

Thereafter, Oetzi will probably travel to Bolzano, the capital of Italy's South Tyrol, where he will be put to final rest in a museum.

Last month a discovery near Linz, in northern Austria, threatened to steal Oetzi's place as the country's favorite mummy.

Local archeologist Manfred Perlwieser unearthed the skeleton of a girl aged 12 to 13 dating back some 6,500 years.

Perlwieser is convinced that his find was once mummified but later suffered irreversible damage because of rising humidity. The skeleton is in excellent condition

given its age and has given experts valuable clues to the child's life and early death.

"Her story is a tragedy," Perlwieser said. "The body language shows that the little girl was suffering from hypothermia and died while she lay at the family's fireplace."

He said he believes her family was unable to bury her because it was winter and the earth was frozen.

Forget the coffee drip, here's intravenous caffeine

A coffee lover's fantasy — intravenous caffeine has arrived.

This shot in the arm is not for everyday use, though. Intravenous caffeine helps prevent coffee and soda drinkers from getting withdrawal headaches after surgery, said Mayo Clinic anesthesiologist Dr. Joseph Weber.

Coffee drinkers who get the caffeine drip are less likely to wake up from anesthesia with a headache than those who don't, he said.

"We're not talking just about people who go through two or three pots of coffee a day," Weber said. "Even one small caffeinated beverage a day will do it."

In studies at Mayo Clinics in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Rochester, Minnesota, Weber found that peo-

ple used to getting a daily dose of caffeine had a 25 percent chance of a post-surgery headache.

But a 240-milliliter caffeinated drink reduced the chance of a headache to 10%. It doesn't matter if the patient gets that caffeine through a tube in the recovery room or as a drink two to three hours before surgery, Weber said.

University of California-San Francisco anesthesiologist Dr. Daniel Sessler said there have been a number of similar studies, but with inconclusive results.

The intravenous caffeine is good for patients who can't drink a caffeinated beverage after surgery, Weber said.

"This isn't a life-or-death issue. But we're talking about millions of people who can be improved with a relatively simple and safe intervention," he said.

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SPORTS

Yankees go home with 3-2 Series lead



BIG GUN - New York's Cecil Fielder hits a double to bring in Game 5's only run.

AILANTA (AP) - The New York Yankees might miss this ballpark even more than the Atlanta Braves. Andy Pettitte outpitched John Smoltz in a classic duel, and the Yankees moved within one win of the World Series championship by banging on for a 1-0 victory over Atlanta in Game 5 Thursday night. In the last game ever to be played at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, the Yankees finished this

ON CABLE TV Sports Channel 5 has announced its intention to broadcast Game 6 of the World Series at 8:30 pm today.

postseason 8-0 on the road. They got the 3-2 Series lead by working around a leadoff double in the ninth inning by Chipper Jones.

Pettitte got one out and John Wetteland got the last two, the final one a fly ball that gimpy right fielder Paul O'Neill caught on the move with runners at first and third.

Now, they return to Yankee Stadium - where they're just 2-4 this October - with a chance to clinch their record 23rd title and dethrone the defending champions. "I've been telling everyone I don't know if we get too pumped up playing at home," Pettitte said. "We may need to bring it down a notch and just play our game."

Game 6 was scheduled last night, with Jimmy Key set to start for New York against Greg Maddux.

The final game at this park turned out to be anything except the kind of slugfest that earned this place its reputation as the Launching Pad. Instead, the stadium went out with a whimper, with a total of only nine hits and the lone run scoring as a result of an error.

"It's a game of inches," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "The breaks have not gone our way."

Yankees manager Joe Torre was glad to take it, though. He hit the first regular-season home run at the stadium in 1966 and was back for his greatest win in the majors.

Pettitte shot out the Braves on four hits through the first eight innings, and also helped himself by throwing a third for a forfeit in a key spot in the sixth. It was a far cry from his effort in the 12-1 Game 1 loss when he allowed seven runs in 2 1/2 innings. Smoltz fell to 9-2 lifetime in the

postseason despite not giving up an earned run. A miscommunication in the outfield caused a two-base error on center fielder Marquis Grissom in the fourth and set up an RBI double by Cecil Fielder. Smoltz struck out 10 in eight innings and permitted four hits, three by Fielder. Jones opened the ninth with a double and moved to third when

Fred McGriff grounded out to the right side. Wetteland relieved and Javy Lopez grounded out to draw-in third baseman Charlie Hayes, keeping Jones at third. After pinch-hitter Ryan Klesko was intentionally walked, pinch-hitter Luis Polonia pulled a fly ball that O'Neill caught in the alley. Wetteland earned a save for the third straight day and set Atlanta

to its first 1-0 loss at home this season. This was the 23rd 1-0 game in Series history, with the Braves winning the previous one last October in Game 6 to clinch its first World Series title over Cleveland. The road team has won all five games in the Series. The only other time that happened was 1906

when the Cubs and White Sox played in Chicago. Hayes opened the fourth with a fly ball into the alley in right-center. Grissom, showing the range that won him his fourth Gold Glove earlier this month, was on the run and calling for it when Jermaine Dye drifted over from right.

Dye cut a few feet in front of Grissom and clearly distracted him, and the ball popped out of Grissom's impromptu try at a basket catch and fell to the ground. Hayes reached second on the error, moved up on Bernie Williams's grounder and scored on Fielder's hard double into the left-field corner.

Pettitte held the Braves hitless until Andrew Jones - who homered off him in Game 1 - singled to start the fifth. But Pettitte, who led the majors in pickoffs this season with 11, detected that the rookie was ready to run and trapped him off first.

The Braves' biggest threat came in the sixth when Smoltz, a 218 hitter this season, and Grissom began the inning by grinding singles to left field. Mark Lemke, who popped up a bunt attempt in a similar situation in Game 3, tried to sacrifice again.

Pettitte, however, helped himself by springing off the mound, barchanding the ball and throwing to third for a forfeit. Pettitte handled the next ball, too, starting an inning-ending double play on Chipper Jones's comebacker.

After Jim Leyritz led off the Yankees seventh with a walk and stole second when Atlanta failed to cover the bag, Torre asked Pettitte to sacrifice.

Pettitte, who popped up a bunt in the fifth, managed to put a bunt in play, although Smoltz sprang off the mound and caught Leyritz in a rundown.

Pettitte reached safely on the play, and first base coach Jose Cardenal went so far as to walk onto the field and draw a line in the dirt with his spikes, showing the pitcher how far to take a lead.

The advice did not help, though, when Derek Jeter hit a line drive directly at first baseman McGriff. Pettitte was only a few steps off the bag, but knew he was doomed and he merely doubled over while McGriff doubled him off.

Thursday: New York 1, Atlanta 0. Last night: Atlanta at New York. Today: Atlanta (Gleaves 15-10) at New York (Coxe 7-2), 7:35 pm (ET), if necessary. (New York leads series 3-2)

NFL individual leaders table with columns for AFC and NFC, and sub-columns for various stats like Yds, TD, Int, etc. for various players.

Team statistics table with columns for AFC and NFC, and sub-columns for Yards, Rush, Pass, etc. for various teams.

A dull Series turns compelling

FOR A World Series that began with little zest and less excitement, this one between the New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves suddenly has turned into compelling baseball. The Braves returned to New York on Friday for a trip they didn't think they'd have to make, certainly not after winning the first two games of the series, allowing only one run and not trailing for a single inning. The Yankees looked listless and uninspired - perhaps rusty from a week-long layoff after winning the American League playoffs. The Braves were still in overdrive after recovering from a 3-1 deficit with three straight victories to overtake St. Louis and win the National League pennant. When Atlanta won the first two games so decisively, it appeared it would surely capture this World Series at home. The final games at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium were viewed as something of a coronation for the defending World Series champions. But in the space of three days, the Series turned around. Suddenly, the Yankees were playing crisp, heads-up baseball and the Braves were back on their heels. Every move Yankees manager Joe Torre made worked and most of the ones Atlanta manager Bobby Cox tried did not. Torre ordered a sacrifice and got it. Cox ordered one and got a force play and no runs. Torre went to his closer and got three

'I made an error'

work, you go back and bang it around and bang it around. You say, 'Should I have done this or that?' but then it usually comes back to where you started." Which is what the Series has done, returning to Yankee Stadium for last night's scheduled sixth game. Fox television hopes it produces improved ratings. So far, the matchup between two of America's most popular teams has been a bust in television's numbers game. Fox's first World Series is averaging a 17.1 rating. Even with a boost this weekend, it may become the third-lowest rated, ahead of only 1989 (16.4) and 1993 (17.3) - which began early and ended up dueling Monday night football for viewers - was the lowest-rated game in Series history with a 14.0. The pitching matchup that night was set to be repeated last night, with Atlanta's four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux scheduled to face New York's Jimmy Key. Cox tried to put a positive spin on the disastrous turn of events the Braves had gone through in the three games at home. It was just a week ago, remember, that Atlanta climbed out of a similar hole against St. Louis. "We had to win three with them," he said. "Now we only have to win two. We can put together a two-game winning streak. We've done it before." (AP)

S. Africa wins fourth straight Titan Cup match

FARIDABAD, India (Reuters) - South Africa seized its fourth consecutive triumph in the Titan Cup triangular limited overs tournament when it beat Australia by two wickets at the Nahar Singh Stadium on Friday. South Africa, chasing Australia's 215 all out from 47.3 of their 50 overs, won at 218 for eight with 16 balls left. With four victories in as many outings, South Africa heads the standings, followed by India with one victory from three matches. Australia has not won a game. All of Australia's top-order batsmen reached double figures but only Stuart Law managed to convert his start into a half-century. He was run out for 52. Fast bowler Allan Donald ripped apart Australia's lower order, claiming four for 31 from 8.3 overs. South Africa's batsmen stumbled midway in their chase but unbattered 71 by Daryll Cullinan carried them to victory. Cullinan faced 115 balls, struck six boundaries and shared a 65-run fourth-wicket partnership with Jonny Rhodes.

Dolphins, Cowboys fight for possible playoff contention

NEW YORK (AP) - Dolphins vs. Cowboys. Jimmy vs. Jerry. Marino vs. Aikman. It's the kind of battle made for prime-time - TV or Deion Sanders. But what all the appearance of a monumental NFL rumble boils down to is one simple fact: today's game is between third-place teams, with the loser teetering on the edge of falling out of playoff contention. "They're 4-3 and trying to catch Washington," Miami coach Jimmy Johnson said. "We're 4-3 and trying to get a win. That has more significance than whoever coached in Dallas a couple of years ago." Of course, the Cowboys coach then was the same Jimmy Johnson, who was fired by Dallas owner Jerry Jones and replaced by Barry Switzer. The feud makes the game one of the most anticipated this season. The key to victory - and to staying in the Super Bowl race - could be the quarterbacks, two of the best in the game. Dan Marino holds the most NFL records, Troy Aikman the most Super Bowl rings: three. Surprisingly, it will be the first time Miami's Marino and the Cowboys' Aikman have faced each other since 1989, when Aikman was a rookie, Johnson was the Dallas coach and the Cowboys were in the midst of a 1-15 season.

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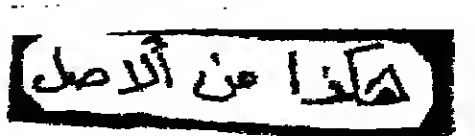
Table showing cricket scores for Australia, including names of players and their runs.

NFL standings

Table showing NFL standings for the American Conference and National Conference, including teams like Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, etc.

This week's schedule

Table showing the NFL schedule for the week, including matchups like Dallas at Miami, Kansas City at Denver, etc.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Dow up after early losses FTSE closes in upbeat mood

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose Friday, with blue chips outperforming the broader market after sluggish home-sale data hailed the market out of early morning losses.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 14.54 points to close at 6,007.02 after dropping earlier.

Despite the gain in the blue-chip index, declining issues led advances by 6 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was moderate but down from Thursday's pace.

Bond prices dropped sharply Friday morning, dragging stocks lower, after the Commerce Department said orders to US fac-

ories for big-ticket durable goods shot up 4.6 percent in September, the steepest jump in nearly four years.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 1,191 to 1,174 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 895 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 364.98 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 415.34 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.37 to 700.92, the NYSE's composite index declined 0.52 to 373.26, the Nasdaq composite index fell 2.20 to 1,224.80, and the American Stock Exchange's market index slipped 0.01 to 569.79.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON — UK shares finished a disappointing week in a more upbeat mood as Wall Street finally looked like breaking a string of recent losses on Friday. The re-emergence of bid speculation in the electricity industry also played a part and after an uncertain start which saw the FTSE 100 drop further below the 4,000 mark, UK shares finished 23 points higher at 4,022.4 a fall of 30.7 on the week.

FRANKFURT — Shares closed bourse trade weaker, but off the session's lows after comments by Bundesbank council members suggested further interest rate cuts could not be ruled out. The DAX index of 30 leading stocks closed floor dealings down 4.21 points at 2,674.22, down 59.98 from last Friday. In post-bourse trade the index stood at 2,690.79 up 8.85.

PARIS — French stocks finished higher on Friday, propelled by a rise in bond prices on expectations of European interest rate

cuts, but the house retreated from its best levels, as Wall Street's weak performance in early trade. The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 0.81 points or 0.5 percent at 2,162.43 a fall of 27.8 since last week.

TOKYO — The Nikkei average fell for the fifth successive day as investor sentiment was hogged down by uncertainties over a new coalition government as well as the state of the economy. The Nikkei shed 263.52 points or 1.25 percent to end at 20,739.97, falling 872.33 from last week.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed lower due to pre-weekend profit-taking and caution regarding the near-term outlook for the local market induced by Wall Street's weakness. The Hang Seng Index closed 85.18 points down at 12,388.38, a loss of 121.67 from last Friday. Turnover remained robust at HK\$6.65 billion, down slightly from Thursday's HK\$7.12b.

Dollar reaches new 33-month high vs. yen

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar hit a new 33-month high against the yen Friday, helped by signs that Japanese interest rates will remain weak and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's assertion that a strong US currency is desirable.

But the dollar ended sharply lower against the British pound, which strengthened on unexpectedly healthy economic data in Britain. The pound's rally indirectly undermined demand for the dollar and left it only marginally higher against most other key currencies.

"We had a mixed bag today,"

said Marc Chandler, a vice president at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in New York. "Asia bid the dollar up, and the US sold the dollar off."

In late New York trading the dollar cost 113.31 yen, up from 112.87 yen Thursday. Earlier in European dealings the dollar climbed as high as 113.44 yen, the strongest since early January 1994. The British pound cost \$1.5973, up from \$1.5909.

The dollar snapped a five-day losing streak against the mark, finishing at 1.5210, up from 1.5170 Thursday, after a choppy day influenced by conflicting statements from German bankers on the interest rate outlook in Germany.

Traders said the dollar drew early strength partly from senior Japanese officials who reiterated their view that the economy is still vulnerable to weakness, suggesting that Japan's record low interest rates won't change for the foreseeable future.

At an annual convention of Japan's credit unions, Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Mitsuhashi and Trade Minister Shunpei Tsukahara both said in prepared remarks that the recovery is only mild.

Reading between the lines... you have time for trading action until 11 PM. ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Table with 4 columns: Currency (deposit for), 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS. Includes US dollar, Pound sterling, German mark, Swiss franc, Yen.

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (25.10.96)

Table with 4 columns: Currency, Buy, Sell, Bank Notes, Rep. Rates. Includes US dollar, German mark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, etc.

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel. SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table listing international stock prices for various companies across different markets like NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, etc.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds with columns: Fund name, price, redemption, monthly yield, 1995 yield, and 1996 total net assets.

Shares

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State Bonds

Table of State Bonds with columns: Fund name, price, redemption, monthly yield, 1995 yield, and 1996 total net assets.

Company Bonds

Table of Company Bonds with columns: Fund name, price, redemption, monthly yield, 1995 yield, and 1996 total net assets.

Foreign Currency

Table of Foreign Currency with columns: Currency, price, and other financial data.

Key Representative Rates table with columns: Currency, Rate, Change.

NYSE STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes table with columns: Index name, Last, Change.

Other stock market indexes

Table of other stock market indexes including FTSE 100, Nikkei, Hang Seng, etc.

Israeli stocks in US

Table of Israeli stocks in US with columns: Stock name, Last, Change.

AD Advances

Table of AD Advances with columns: Company name, Last, Change.

Libor rates

Table of Libor rates with columns: Term, Rate, Change.

Foreign financial data courtesy of CommStock Trading Ltd.

Table of foreign financial data including futures, options, and mutual funds.

US commodities

Table of US commodities with columns: Commodity name, Last, Change.

London commodities

Table of London commodities with columns: Commodity name, Last, Change.

New York metal futures

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London metal futures

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PM: Ethiopia opposes mass airlift of Falash Mura

BATSHEVA TSUR

THERE will be no mass airlift of Falash Mura from the compound in Addis Ababa because the Ethiopian government does not approve of such a move, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told a delegation from the Ethiopian immigrant community on Friday.

But Israel will continue to try, through diplomatic channels, to increase the number of Falash Mura who are permitted to leave Ethiopia, he said. The number currently stands at about 120 people per month.

The delegation met with Netanyahu following a demonstration by several hundred Ethiopian immigrants outside the Prime Minister's Office on Friday. The community called for the airlift in the wake of reports that the terrible living conditions in the compound have caused an increase in the incidence of AIDS. Almost 3,000 Falash Mura have been languishing in the compound since Operation Solomon in May 1991.

Netanyahu reiterated that a consul will leave immediately for Addis Ababa to speed up the processing of visa applications, dele-

gation members reported. The consul is being funded by the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee since the government has not allocated funding for such a position in the 1996 budget. The Joint also provides the support for the Falash Mura living in the compound.

An unpleasant incident occurred Friday when the four-member delegation refused to meet Netanyahu after his new bureau chief, David Agmon, told Labor MK Adisu Massala that he could not participate. Agmon reportedly told Massala that he was an MK who could speak to the premier any time. The remaining members refused to leave behind Massala, who heads the Unified Ethiopian Immigrants Association, and said they would hold a sit-in.

Netanyahu then agreed to meet with Massala as well. Massala later charged that the prime minister's motives were political.

"Even if we did not elect each other, Netanyahu is everyone's democratically elected prime minister and I am the head of the organization. We have to accept each other," he said.

Norwegian official: Reports of compensation for Nazi victims' stolen property premature

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

REPORTS of the imminent restitution of Jewish property in Norway are premature, although an agreement is expected next year, according to a Jewish communal leader in Oslo.

Jewish Agency head Avraham Burg and Edgar Bronfman, representing the World Jewish Restitution Organization, each said recently in New York that by the end of November Norway is likely to conclude an agreement for the recovery of plundered Jewish property.

Norway will pay an estimated \$80 million as compensation for the Jewish property, the restitution organization said.

"There must be some misunderstanding," a key Jewish official in Oslo said, adding that he is unaware of an imminent restitution agreement.

The Norwegian Justice Ministry, with participation from the local Jewish community, has a mandate to investigate the fate of stolen Jewish property and will recommend a restitution settlement by this spring, the official told *The Jerusalem Post* late Thursday. He stressed that the Norwegian inquiry is amicable.

Further, the \$80 million figure was speculative and was based on a rough formula that attempted to assess the value of the property based on what is known of its pre-war status, the official said.

He seemed taken aback by the

announcements in New York, saying that the restitution inquiry is a Norwegian matter, and that international Jewish organizations only have a limited "advisory" role.

According to newspaper accounts, the property of 1,053 Norwegian Jewish families and at least 70 businesses was seized by the pro-Nazi Quisling government. Norway had a Jewish population of 1,700 before the war; 900 escaped to Sweden and the rest were deported to Auschwitz. The community currently numbers 1,000.

Reuter adds: BERNE - Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti on Friday named an official from his ministry to head a task force to coordinate various inquiries into what happened to the wealth of Holocaust victims deposited in Swiss banks.

Thomas Borer, 39, an international lawyer and deputy secretary-general in the Foreign Ministry, will head the newly created Assets of Nazi Victims task force, the ministry said in a statement.

Borer was named just two days after Cotti announced he would form two new expert panels to probe mounting accusations that the unclaimed wealth of Holocaust victims from Eastern Europe was used to compensate Swiss citizens for nationalized property.

Italian Jews protest verdict blocking reparations

ROME (AP) - In what Jewish leaders are calling yet another affront, a court has denied reparations to a group of Jews on grounds they did not suffer enough under Fascism's notorious racial laws. Having suffered "the albeit serious, unjust...restrictions common to all Jews," beneficiaries must also have been "forced to undergo ulterior factors of persecution," such as detention for anti-Fascist activity, said the court in Trieste in northeastern Italy.

While Thursday's ruling was limited to about 30 claims for compensatory pensions in the Trieste area and contrasted with decisions by courts elsewhere in Italy, Jewish leaders said Friday it appeared to be part of a worrisome trend.

"It seems like another attempt to forget, a 'let bygones be bygones' attitude," Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities which represents Italy's 35,000 Jews, said Friday.

JNF considering financing projects in the territories

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE Jewish National Fund, in a potential break with traditional Diaspora fund-raisers, is considering financing projects over the Green Line, according to JNF President Milton Shapiro.

"I would like to see it," Shapiro said in an interview in New York at week's end. A JNF committee is now canvassing opinion on such a change.

JNF, meanwhile, has been cleared of allegations of financial misconduct that were raised by several regional lay leaders. An audit found that while JNF is inefficient, there are no financial improprieties.

"There is no evidence of fraud, misconduct, malfeasance by JNF personnel, nor is there any evidence of misappropriation of JNF funds," according to a report to JNF's board, which relied on an audit by an independent accounting firm.

But there are management, accounting and fund-raising inefficiencies, as well as errors in JNF's

financial statements that led to an "atmosphere of suspicion," the report noted.

"This report exonerates the organization," Shapiro said. "There are not missing millions [of dollars], no misconduct." However, he also acknowledged the inefficiencies, saying, "We are looking at costs and structure and to improve the bottom line for Israel."

While examining the bottom line, JNF is also looking at the Green Line, over which the major American fund-raising organizations rarely dare to tread. The traditional reason cited for this reluctance is the American tax law - not ideology. It has been widely suggested that giving money to projects over the Green Line would jeopardize Jewish philanthropies' favorable tax status. However, this is not so, according to one New Jersey federation that recently broke the UJA taboo on giving across the Green Line.

English songfest produces first winner

HELEN KAYE

"WE'RE already waiting for next year," an audience member said at the end of the first ever National English Song Contest finals in Beersheva last Thursday.

The first prize winner was "The Words Come from My Heart" with lyrics by Michael Swack and tune by Michael Wyman. Second prize went to Ann Limor for "Dialog," third to Margalit Jakob for "Song of Peace," closely followed by Bruce Brill's "Yahoo," with Beersheba resident Israel Ben-Yehuda getting 5th prize and a rousing cheer for his "Yerushalayim My Beloved."

The winning song comes from Swack and Wyman's musical based on *The Picture of Dorian Grey* by Oscar Wilde. Lyricist Swack immigrated with his wife and one of their two sons from California in 1988. He writes a humor column for the Tel Aviv AACI magazine and is a software marketing manager for a major company. Wyman, a professional musician, immigrated from St. Petersburg in 1990.

"I feel great," a jubilant Swack said after the winners were announced. "None of the songs [from the musical] have been performed before and getting such an enthusiastic response to this one has given us the energy to finish the musical."

"It was a big challenge for me,



Lyricist Michael Swack (right), singer Nina Reuven and Michael Wyman, who wrote the music for 'The Words Come from My Heart,' display the first prize trophy they won for the song at the National English Song Contest.

because this was my first time singing solo so it was very special and very exciting to come in second," Limor said.

She immigrated from the US in 1976, lives in Ma'ale Adumim and is the Kit of Kit and Kaboodle, a musical duo which specializes in musical education for young children.

The British-born Jakob immigrated from the US in 1977, lives in Jerusalem and works as a music

therapist. Brill, a folk singer and Jerusalemite, immigrated from the US in 1974 and Ben-Yehuda, a former professional trumpeter and current social worker, came to Beersheba from New Orleans in 1992.

"There was a lot of talent and a lot of professionalism here," said composer Max Stern, one of the judges and a music critic for *The Jerusalem Post*. "It was a highly positive event

that brought the English-speaking community together in a way that was long overdue."

Beersheba resident Myra Bennett, a computer programmer who immigrated from the UK some 10 years ago, concurred, adding, "the judges made absolutely the right choices."

Singer Sandy Cash was the special guest star. The Southern Chapter of the AACI conceived, organized and presented the event.

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Beersheba 15-25
Tel Aviv 17-25
Haifa 16-24
Tiberias 17-25
Afeka 14-24
Sderot 14-18
Dead Sea 15-28
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AROUND THE WORLD

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Amsterdam	09	14	partly
Berlin	08	11	cloudy
Buenos Aires	17	22	clear
Chicago	18	25	cloudy
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Geneva	07	12	cloudy
Helsinki	06	10	cloudy

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